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Mao and Chou said detained in Moscow

Marshal Stalin is detaining Mr. Mao Tse-tung and Mr. Chou En-lai, Chairman and Premier, respectively, of the new People's Republic of China, at Moscow.

This report was brought to Hong Kong yesterday from Canton by a Chinese observer who requested that his name should not be disclosed. He, however, could not state how and where the report originated.

French warn Nationalists on Shanghai raids

Paris, February 13. France's Nationalists warned they will be held responsible for any loss of French lives and property resulting from Nationalist air attacks on Communist China, the French Foreign Office announced today.

The Chinese Nationalist Air Force has just systematically bombed districts in Shanghai where there are many French cultural establishments, hospital and industrial establishments, one of which is of military interest, the announcement said. The United States Government made a similar protest to the Chinese Nationalist Government three days ago and is asking for an assurance that aerial attacks on American property in Shanghai would not be repeated. —Reuter.

Red charges against HK Police

The Police Commissioner of Kwangtung province, Tam Kwang-men, was reported to have accused an unknown Hong Kong border policeman of beating a Chinese man, and pushing him into the Shum Chun river on January 11.

Tam said on Sunday that the Chinese, Choy Kun-tai, had drowned. He also alleged that on January 10, another Chinese man, Wu You-lin, was beaten up by a border policeman. He said that he was warning the British police in Hong Kong that the Chinese people found it difficult to tolerate such incidents. He added: "The Hong Kong government should pay compensation for these actions, and give further assurance that there will be no similar incidents in the future."

"Otherwise," the police commissioner said, "there will be hard-to-predict consequences." The Commissioner of Hong Kong police, D. W. Macintosh, declined to comment on Tam's statement yesterday. A Hong Kong Government spokesman said last night that there was no truth in the story that border policemen either beat up or pushed any Chinese off the Shum Chun railway bridge.

QUEEN MARY

Queen Mary, who is suffering from sciatica, is continuing to make satisfactory progress. It was stated at Marlborough House, her London home, today. —Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) the depression now centred over the Pacific off Japan continues to move rapidly ENEwards. The continental anticyclone covers China and Japan and is spreading Ewards into the Pacific. West pressure gradients persist over the S. China Sea. Today's Forecast: Moderate S. fresh E or NE winds, cloudy and colder. Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 18.2°; Minimum: 14.2°; Rain: 0.2 in. Rainfall: 2.2 in. Total since Jan. 1: 10.2 in. (4.8 in. on Jan. 1-10). Wind: at 0.2 m.s. 1015.8; at 1011.9 m.s. 1015.8; at 1011.9 m.s. 1015.8; at 1011.9 m.s. 1015.8. New Point: 10.2 in. Wind: at 0.2 m.s. 1015.8; at 1011.9 m.s. 1015.8; at 1011.9 m.s. 1015.8; at 1011.9 m.s. 1015.8.

He said that in Communist China rumours are circulating that Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai, permitted to return to China, will not be allowed to do so until the international clique within the Chinese Communist Party completes occupation of all strategic points and posts to prevent any coup d'etat by the "local" Communists.

He said that it is common talk in Canton that the split between the two cliques is approaching a climax. The international group is now manoeuvring to control all important points throughout China to frustrate any uprisings by the "local" Communists. He added, "The Communist Party is now being run by the international group, headed by Liu Shao-chi and Li Li-san, who are taking orders direct from the Kremlin."

He said that arrivals from Peking at Canton also reported that the minority parties in the People's Central Government have no say at all in Government affairs. Since the departure of Mao to Moscow in December, they have not been invited to any cabinet meetings.

He added that according to information reaching Canton from Peking, the Government is now completely in the hands of a few international Communists.

Explosion on boat; man killed

Three friends of the owner of a small carpenter boat in Causeway Bay, number 2256V, visited him at his boat at noon yesterday.

They were reported to have brought several packages with them, which the Marine Police last night described as containing fireworks powder.

As the three men were preparing to leave the small ship, one of the packages exploded, killing one man, and seriously wounding two others.

Marine Police are detaining two men for questioning. A third, Wong Kwong-yuan, was released from Queen Mary's Hospital yesterday, and is not detained by the police.

The CID is investigating the incident.

Nationalist guerilla warfare

San Francisco, February 13. Peking Radio gave the first official acknowledgment today of Nationalist guerilla warfare.

The Communist radio claimed that 23,000 "irregular Kuomintang troops" were put out of commission in Southern Shensi Province in the past two months. The broadcast said 10,000 others were eliminated in Kwangsi Province in the past month. A great number surrendered. The radio claimed the remnants of the Nationalist 20th army, which fled into the mountains in North West Szechuan Province, were also eliminated. —United Press.

HMS VANGUARD AIDS CARGO SHIP

St. Nazaire, February 13. Britain's biggest battleship, HMS Vanguard, today took in tow the 4,815-ton French cargo ship Bolla, which called for help in storm-tossed seas off the coast of Spain last night, according to a radio message from the warship picked up here. The 45,000-ton Vanguard, homeward bound from exercises in the Mediterranean, altered course last night in response to the Bolla's distress signals, and announced that she would stand by. —Reuter.

Peking official explains prolonged Moscow stay

RED POLICY ON HK

Mr. Tan Kah-kee, a top-ranking member of the Communist Peking Government, said yesterday that Mao Tse-tung was prolonging his stay in Moscow for an on the spot study and observation of the Soviet Communist experiment to gain first-hand information to help him in directing the reconstruction of New China.



MR. TAN KAH-KEE

Violence in Pakistan and India

Calcutta, February 13. Indian air companies in Calcutta were today sending a fleet of ten passenger aircraft to Dacca, East Bengal Capital (Pakistan) to evacuate refugees from that city. Communal disturbances have been reported in Dacca in the last four days.

Yesterday two Indian aircraft which flew to Dacca were unable to take in refugees owing to disturbed conditions at the airport. The Pakistan Government in Press note described this as "an unfortunate incident in which hooligans made a surprise attack on passengers causing casualties—some serious."

The Press note added that all air traffic was now diverted to a suburban airport, "which is easier to guard and fully protected."

Calcutta situation

In Calcutta, the situation continued to improve in the North and North Western parts of the city, where sporadic cases of communal violence occurred last week. A few stray incidents were reported today in the South Eastern part of the city where the authorities promptly enforced a curfew to suppress the outbreak.

In Amritsar, after a clash in which shots were fired the police last night arrested 32 people described as Communists. They were in a procession of about 200 shouting "Break Open the Holy Gates," and "Down with the Nehru Government."

Three police officials were injured and tear gas was used to disperse the crowds. No casualties were reported. —Reuter.

ANOTHER KMT SHIP DETAINED

Aden, February 13. United States Consul here detained yet another Chinese Nationalist ship, the fourth in a week. The 7,607 ton Chungking Victory, which arrived here today for oil bunkers, was held by the port authorities at the request of the United States Government.

The U.S. State Department announced last month that merchant ships on 42 merchant ships, sold to the Chinese Nationalist Government in 1947 and 1948, were still outstanding and that Consuls in the Far East had been asked to get the vessels detained to prevent their falling into Communist hands. Other vessels have been detained at Sydney, Brisbane and Durban. —Reuter.

U.S. CONSIDERED H-BOMB IN 1943

Manila, February 13. A high Philippine source today said the United States had been considering the hydrogen bomb since 1943 and was well ahead of any other nation. —Associated Press.

Mr. Tan, who arrived in the Colony last Saturday on his way to Singapore, dismissed all Press speculations about Soviet demands on the Chinese Communists, the Soviet detention of Mao Tse-tung and the threatening split within the Chinese Communist Party as "pure nonsense" and "reactionary propaganda."

Mr. Tan is a member of the 55-man Government Council of the Central People's Government.

The aged "democratic personage" who is a prominent overseas Chinese leader in Malaya also asserted that Titoism was an "impossibility" in Communist China.

He said Mao Tse-tung and Chou En-lai would return to China sometime next month. This, he said, was according to a cable which Mao recently sent to high Peking officials. Other important points which Tan made in his one-hour exclusive interview with the United Press are:

1. The Chinese Communist would not ask for the return of Hong Kong at the "present time." He said "Hong Kong will remain as it is for the present." When asked, he refused to elaborate on his "present time" assertion, but said that it there should be any change in Hong Kong's status "it will not be too quick in forthcoming."

2. The Chinese Communists will not expand to outside China, especially in South East Asia; but he said "South East Asia will, of course, inevitably feel the influence of the Communist success in China." He added that the Chinese Communists are no giving aid to Ho Chi-minh's regime in Indo-China.

Relations with U.S.

3. The Peking Government is willing to establish friendly relations with the United States if the United States shows genuine friendship and a feeling of equality by abandoning all support of Chiang Kai-shek's regime.

He said there is no reason for disbelieving the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson's statement of a hands off policy for Taiwan but "who knows that some war-mongering section of the American public are not secretly helping Chiang Kai-shek."

He categorically denied that the Chinese Communist or Communist China are directed or dominated in any way by Soviet Russia but declared that China would be permanently bound by Russian mutual friendship and alliance. Referring to Manchuria about which there have been many reports of Soviet domination, Tan said that during his visit there last year he saw no Soviet Russian in the political service of the Government.

He described Mao Tse-tung as "a Chinese—reading the peace-loving Socialist line" who asked he considered Mao first a Chinese or first a Communist.

Explaining Mao's protracted stay in Moscow, Mr. Tan said Mao had never been abroad and in order for him to correctly direct the reconstruction of China he must go abroad to see things. His personal observation, especially of Soviet industrial development, was essential for building up China. Mr. Tan declared, and added that he believed Chou En-lai is prolonging his stay in Moscow for the purpose of assisting Mao in collecting information about Soviet progress.

Prospects for development

Mr. Tan was optimistic about prospects for the development of China under the leadership of the Communist Party. He said he travelled extensively in Communist China last year and declared that the Communist are making great progress in the rehabilitation of Manchuria industry. "There are many problems but in places where the Communist

have set up their rule for a comparatively long period such as Manchuria and North China the problems are being met in an effective way."

He denied all reports of the lack of democracy and freedom in Communist China. He said the non-Communist democratic parties are taking an active part in the Government with real power and are "not just empty names and empty positions."

He said that while there are differences in the platforms of the participating parties in the Peking Government, policies are made after democratic discussions in the committees.

Mr. Tan said he was not entrusted with any official mission on his return to Singapore but that he would give the overseas Chinese there a full report on conditions in Communist China. This was his purpose in travelling widely throughout China over the past seven months.

Singapore greeting

A Reuter report from Singapore adds that Mr. Tan Kah-kee the millionaire and overseas Chinese leader, who is expected in Singapore some time this week, will be greeted with a rendition of the Chinese national song by two bands of the Chinese Mayfair Musical and Dramatic Association, the police permitting according to the Asian-owned "Malayan Tribune."

Mr. Geh Seng-yoke, President of the association, said "I am particularly happy that he is returning. He will certainly have much to report about the new regime."

Mr. Tan Kah-kee, son of Mr. Tan Kah-kee, said that he had not received word from his father yet but expects him in Singapore "before the end of this month."

Mr. E. C. S. Adkins, Secretary for Chinese Affairs in Singapore, said that he saw no reason why Mr. Tan Kah-kee should not be admitted into Singapore if he travels under a British passport. "But I did not know that he would be coming back so soon," he added. —United Press and Reuter.

PI completing plans for a Pacific Union

Manila, February 13. President Elpidio Quirino, in the first Press conference since his return from the United States, said tonight the Philippines is now completing plans for a union of countries of the Western Pacific and South East Asia, and that invitations to a conference may be issued in a month or so.

Mr. Quirino said: "We feel we have enough interested countries now to form a representative union in this area."

The President said invitations will be extended to those nations which favourably respond to "soundings" made through the representatives in the United Nations.

He said it was not proper to identify those countries. It was understood, however, that the Philippines is expecting Thailand, Indonesia, Ceylon, Pakistan, Burma and perhaps New Zealand, and Australia to join the union.

Mr. Quirino stressed the proposed union "does not envisage military alliance, but 'cultural, economic and political co-operation' among the democratic countries in this part of the world." —United Press.

Westerling's guerilla fighters



One of the first pictures of former Dutch Commando Captain Westerling's "forces of the queen of justice" in Bandung. This group of tough former fighters of the Dutch army are shown here guarding a street corner in Indonesia's third largest city, after the Indonesian garrison withdrew to the Northern part of the city. (A.P. Photo).

Further questions on Dairy Farm workers' budget at Arbitration Tribunal

Mr. Leung Wing, chief spokesman for the Dairy Farm workers, yesterday answered further questions put to him on the workers' budget, at the third day session of the Arbitration Tribunal.

The Tribunal, presided over by Professor R. Robertson, assisted by six assessors, is sitting to arbitrate on the dispute between the Dairy Farm Company and their workers who have claimed for a special \$3-a-day allowance.

The assessors assisting the Arbitrator are Messrs. J. H. Jones, H. R. Cleland and D. Black, nominated by the Dairy Farm Company, and Messrs. Tong Wai, Lau Yu-kwan and Chan Man-hon, nominated by the workers.

Representing the Company are Mr. J. D. Thomson and Mr. G. Milne, General Manager and Secretary respectively, of the Dairy Farm Company. Mr. Leung Wing, Chairman of the Dairy Farm Workers Union, Mr. Woo Kau and Mr. Young Yan, are representing the workers.

Before the proceedings started yesterday, Mr. W. G. Wormald, the Registrar General of Persons, formerly Government Statistician, who was present by request, answered questions put by the Arbitrator on the post-war movement in the cost of living survey prepared by the Department of Statistics in 1947.

At the last meeting of the Tribunal Mr. D. Black, one of the assessors nominated by the Dairy Farm Company, had raised the question of the cost of living survey prepared by the Statistics Department in 1947 for a family of five persons, and had compared the figures in it with the Dairy Farm workers' budget for a family of three.

Mr. Wormald left after he had given his explanations on the various points raised by the Arbitrator.

Cost of living

Opening the proceedings Professor Robertson said that at the last meeting questions were being put in order further to clarify the matter of the cost of living which the Dairy Farm workers had put forward. "I think Mr. Black was putting certain questions to Mr. Leung Wing just before the last adjournment."

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Scots walk off British ship in Singapore

Singapore, February 13. Twenty-three Scots of the crew of the 4,767-ton British freighter "Tower Grange" walked off the ship on its arrival in Singapore yesterday "because food and general conditions on board were bad."

The men also said that their captain was "domineering." All 23 men came from Greenwich, Renfrewshire, Scotland. They will be charged in court today with desertion.

The walk-off has held back the vessel, which was due to sail yesterday for Hong Kong and Japan. —Reuter.

rent racket should not affect the worker who was here in 1941. He would have retained possession of his premises. The other workers are presumably new men," said Mr. Black. "Yes, but after the Japanese occupied Hong Kong in 1941 many of the Dairy Farm workers left for the interior of China, and the Dairy Farm Company suspended business," replied Mr. Leung.

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"Graveyard of ships" claims another victim

LIVERPOOL MURDER TRIAL

Liverpool, February 13. After two trials, Charles Connolly, 27, was today found not guilty of murdering Leonard Thomas, manager of the Camoo cinema in Liverpool last March. After the Liverpool Assize judge had ordered the jury to return a not guilty verdict for murder, Connolly pleaded guilty to stealing £50 and conspiracy to rob, and was sent to gaol for ten years.

George Kelly, 27, with whom he robbed the manager, was sentenced to death at the Liverpool Assize last week for the murder. Both stood trial twice. In the first trial they both appeared in dock but after the jury had failed to agree they were retried.

RAF OPERATIONS IN MALAYA

Singapore, February 13. British planes have increased their operations against Communist concentrations in Malaya. An official spokesman today said that 26 sorties were carried out yesterday in various parts of the Federation, their main attacks being in the foothills near the road leading to Cameron Highlands, a holiday resort and military encampment center, and in Johore, where the new type of bomber, Erikland, was used with great success.

A British rubber planter, Mr. H. N. Winter, was ambushed and killed by Communist guerrillas today near Ipoh while carrying a payroll for his Chinese labourers. —Reuter.

Further question on Dairy Farm workers' budget at Arbitration Tribunal

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Rice consumption

Mr. Black then turned his questions to food and said that from enquiries he had made he was satisfied that the quantity of rice consumed by the principal worker in the family appears to be correct or even under-stated. But it seems to him that other members of the family—the wife and the child—do not consume so much. Has anything been added to the quantity for other members, such as relatives or dependents of the family?

"May I ask Mr. Black whether a worker carrying loads of 200 to 250 pounds of meat in the course of his work is over-eating when he consumes 30 catties of rice a month?" asked Mr. Leung.

Mr. Black replied that his question had nothing to do with what a Dairy Farm worker carries. He had already mentioned that as far as the principal worker was concerned, his rice consumption was possibly under-stated.

"Then, if a wife consumes 25 catties a month, and a child 15 catties a month, that scale is only very general," said Mr. Leung. Mr. Black asked if it was correct that due to the poor quality of ration rice, the average worker did not eat it.

After Mr. Leung replied that that was correct, Mr. Black said that he had been led to believe that good quality rice suitable for the average office worker could be obtained between 80 and 90 cents a catty, except possibly at times like the Chinese New Year, when prices go up. "Is this correct, Mr. Leung?" he asked.

"I don't think Mr. Black appreciates rice," replied Mr. Leung. "If Mr. Black said he will be able to choose between grades selling at 80 cents a catty and that selling at \$1.12 a catty, and he will be able to say which kind he prefers."

The Arbitrator interrupted by saying that it is not a question of what Mr. Black prefers to eat, but what he wants as a "yes" or "no" to the question put.

"No," replied Mr. Leung. Mr. Black remarked that his information came from workers who had known him for some time, and whom he could trust.

On the item of \$9 a month for cost of transportation in the workers' budget, Mr. Black said he assumed this item would be eliminated in the case of farm lands living on the farm and those workers provided with accommodation by the Company.

Chillang Point, "graveyard of ships," has claimed another victim. The British ship, ss. Wing Hing, which ran aground near Chillang Point early Sunday morning, is a total loss.

Another British ship, which attempted to give assistance to the Wing Hing, the ss. City of Kimberley, sustained slight hull damage when she ran aground about 8 a.m. on Sunday.

Sea divers, who examined the damage yesterday, reported that the City of Kimberley might have to go into dry-dock for a short time; however, the ship continued to load cargo yesterday.

An officer of the Wing Hing said that heavy fog and a weak light signal from Chillang Point were the causes of the disaster.

The Captain of the Wing Hing ordered the ship abandoned one hour and 20 minutes after she struck jagged rocks at Chillang Point, 80 miles East of Hong Kong.

All members of the crew, the three European officers and one passenger abandoned ship on the Wing Hing lifeboat, and went ashore on Chillang Point.

Owners of the Wing Hing, the Ta Hing Shipping Company, reported yesterday that their ship was fully covered by insurance.

Six hours after the Wing Hing struck Chillang Point rocks, the City of Kimberley, which was fully covered by insurance, reported that the ship was fully covered by insurance.

Only the Captain and the radio operator remained on the ship.

After the "abandoned ship" order was given, but two hours later when the engine room became flooded and the radio went dead, these two men also left the ship.

Concord to rescue

At 12.30 p.m. yesterday, HMS Concord left Hong Kong at full speed to aid the stricken vessel.

She arrived off Chillang Point at five p.m., and started rescue operations at once using three life boats.

An hour and a half later, 50 survivors were safely on board Concord.

There were no casualties.

Early yesterday morning, Concord discharged the survivors at the Naval Oil Fuel Jetty, in Hong Kong Harbour.

Later reports yesterday said that the Wing Hing was completely submerged, and that no attempt would be made by the Ta Hing Company to salvage the ship.

It is understood that the Captain of the Wing Hing, Mr. S. G. Haines, reported that the Chillang Point beacon was not visible in the dense fog when his ship struck shore rocks.

A member of the crew said yesterday that the Wing Hing's bottom hull was ripped to pieces.

amount was so small. Together the budget with Major Chauvin they worked out the figures and amended the total amount.

"The figure mentioned by Mr. Thomson was \$294. Before this there was a budget of \$294.35. That is apparently the budget referred to by Mr. Thomson?"

Mr. Leung replied that this budget was given by Major Chauvin.

Mr. Thomson explained that the budget for \$294.35 is the one corrected from \$254.00.

Mr. Leung admitted that was correct.

"The next budget, the one presented to the Tribunal, was published in the South China Morning Post on January 12, said to have been prepared by the Dairy Farm workers in consultation with Major Chauvin," said Mr. Thomson.

Mr. Leung asked what were the prices mentioned in this budget.

Mr. Thomson enumerated the figures which came to a total of \$333.35.

"Is that correct, Mr. Leung?" asked Mr. Thomson.

"That is correct," replied Mr. Leung.

Three budgets

The Arbitrator then said there were in all three budgets before him. The first one was put forward by Mr. Thomson as documentary evidence of what was decided on January 4.

That would be Exhibit One.

Mr. Leung interrupted and said he had never seen the budget of January 4 and would like to see it.

The budget was passed on to Mr. Leung, and after he and his colleagues had studied it for a while, he was asked by Professor Robertson if he could identify it.

"This budget was prepared before there was any discussion about arbitration, it is not a complete budget," explained Mr. Leung.

Continuing the Arbitrator said the second budget, the one prepared in association with Major Chauvin totalling \$294.35, would be Exhibit Two.

The third budget, which was presented at the first hearing of the Tribunal, would be Exhibit Three.

A fourth, the budget published in the South China Morning Post, would be Exhibit Four.

Mr. Thomson then said there was one matter to which he would like to refer, which to him was very important. It is the question of loans to the Dairy Farm workers, which was brought up at the last hearing. The proceedings as reported in the Press and in the official minutes mentioned the name of one, Cheuk Tam-sun, as being involved in making loans amounting to \$92,200.

Mr. Leung interrupted, and said the amount lent by Cheuk Tam-sun was only to the cow hands and the amount was \$12,700.

"And about the remainder—\$84,500, Mr. Cheuk Tam-sun had nothing to do with it," asked Mr. Thomson.

"He had nothing to do with it at all," replied Mr. Leung.

Letter on subject

Mr. Thomson then said he had received a letter on this subject which he would hand over to the Arbitration Tribunal.

The letter was addressed to the Dairy Farm workers' union.

The letter was handed to Professor Robertson who read from it as follows:

"With regard to the questions raised by you this morning, I beg to inform you that I was very much surprised to find in the South China Morning Post yesterday regarding the alleged loan by me to members of the Dairy Farm Union at Pooklam of \$12,700. The truth is that I have not actually lent any money whatsoever to any member of the Dairy Farm Union."

"As reported to you in January, 1949, the manager of the store, Mr. Tai Kiu, had lent \$1,805 prior to that date, and the interest on these loans was 10 per cent flat rate, but after your advice in January, 1949, this practice was entirely discontinued, and the store manager since that date has made no further loans."

"My own share in this store is only one quarter, and the business is run and managed by one of the shareholders, Mr. Tai Kiu, according to whose calculations the total credit for goods received by all members of our Company up to February 8, 1950, is \$3,002.40. This is made up as follows:

Dairy Farm Union members \$1,101.85

Grazers' Union members 1,445.05

Kunboys' coolies and dairymen 455.50

Total \$3,002.40

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The Tribunal then adjourned at 3 p.m. today.

TB claims 48 during week

Forty-eight deaths from tuberculosis were reported in the week ended February 4, according to the weekly Health Return released yesterday.

Total deaths from the disease in the first 35 days of the year was 250.

Other deaths in the week under review included five from diphtheria, four from enteric fever, and one each from dysentery, cholera (bacterial) and whooping cough.

Total deaths in the same week from all causes was 282, as against 1,202 births.

Bitter hate campaign in E. Germany

Berlin, February 13. Communist leaders whipped up a bitter hate campaign against the United States and Britain in Soviet-occupied East Germany today.

It was the fifth anniversary of the destructive bombing of Dresden, ancient centre of German culture by forces of American and British planes.

Royal Air Force records of the February 13-15 air raids were not made public, but news accounts indicated that the raids were intended to assist the army of Soviet Marshal Georg Zhukov, advancing from the East.

In the ruins of the old Saxon capital today, all street traffic was ordered stopped for one minute of silence at noon.

Communist organizations in all other towns and villages of the Russian zone sponsored "Remember Dresden" observances.

The Soviet Army's official newspaper, "Tassliche Rundschau," told the 20,000,000 East Germans, "Destroyed Dresden reminds you—fight against the imperialist robber."

Dresden's Mayor wrote in the chief Communist Party organ, "Neues Deutschland," that the Anglo-American raids killed 35,000 civilians but had "not been a military necessity."

Mayor Walter Wedauer added: "For this dreadful deed, we shall remember the American and English warmongers again and again. We wish tirelessly to recall this horrible destructive work to all Germans who have been bought by Wall Street and have become traitors to our German fatherland."

In London, the Foreign Office said British and American planes bombed Dresden five years ago to give support to advancing Russian troops.

The spokesman commented on the campaign of hate against the United States and Britain in the "Remember Dresden" observances, being sponsored throughout the Russian zone of Eastern Germany.

"At the Yalta conference, it was decided the Western Allies would give all possible tactical support to the advancing Russian army," he said.

"Dresden was the main communications centre for the defending German armies."

"When speaking of bombing, the German people should remember the German bombing of Warsaw on September 18, 1939, which started the whole chain of events," —Associated Press.

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Hong Kong Women's International Club annual meeting

Mrs. A. E. Matthews, chairman of the Hong Kong Women's International Club, told members at their annual meeting yesterday that their institution is filling a need and is providing a meeting place for the traditionally alien cultures of the East and West.

Lady Grantham, wife of the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, was present at the meeting in her capacity as Honorary President.

Mrs. Matthews said the values of Eastern and Western civilisation are being made to complement and reinforce rather than combat and destroy each other in the Club.

Presenting the Club's finances she said that they appear to be in a sound state.

"Our resources have been greatly augmented by generous donations from the public, totalling \$10,372. The Hong Kong Jockey Club besides monetary donations also gave us a piano to help us in our entertainment of Services Personnel," she said.

Talking about Club activities, the chairman said that in view of the opening of the Chinese Services Club the Hong Kong Women's International Club has decided to restrict its catering to the forces, to which drives and dances alternately every Thursday evening.

"These functions are the Club's contribution to Forces Welfare," she declared.

She then thanked all workers for the Club for their efforts during the past year.

The list of voluntary helpers for the year 1949 contains 75 names.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Aspen, Colorado, February 12.

Argentina's two entries for the Alpine events in the World Ski Championships, beginning here tomorrow, were last-minute arrivals last night.

They are Carlos Elias, aged 18, and Luis de Ridder, both of Buenos Aires. De Ridder is a student at Utah University. —Reuter.

Basle, February 12.

The Edmonton Mercury, of Canada, ended their tour of Switzerland by beating the Swiss national team 8-2, with period scores of 4-1, 2-0 and 2-1, at an ice-hockey match here today.

Geneva, February 12.

The Yugoslav football team Zagreb Dynamos today beat a Swiss selection at Lausanne by three goals to zero, having scored once before half-time.

At Lucerne, the Saarbrücken Club beat Lucerne by four goals to one after each side had scored once before the interval. —Reuter.

London, February 12.

Ireland's Rugby team to meet Scotland in Dublin on February 25 was chosen today as follows: G. Norton (Rangers); W.D. McKee (North Ireland); A.N. O'Brien (Ireland); G.C. Phillips (Rugby Park); M. Lane (Ulster); J.W. Kyle (Queen's University, Belfast); R. Clifton (Queen's University, Belfast); D. McKibbin (J. Maloney (University College, Dublin); J.S. McCarthy (Dolphin); D.J. O'Brien (London Irish); J.W. McKee (Queen's University, Belfast). —Reuter.

Copenhagen, February 12.

Denmark won the ballroom dancing contest against Britain and Austria by one and a half points here tonight. The total scores were Denmark 512, Britain 470 1/2, Australia 515.

The British team was first in the waltz, the slow fox-trot and the Quickstep. Australia scored heavily in the Vienna waltz and the tango. —Reuter.

Moscow, February 12.

The women's World Speed Skating Championships were concluded here today when Soviet competitors again dominated the field. Tatiana Kaplina, of USSR, won the 1,000 metres in 1 min. 40.4 sec. with Rima Zhukova, of the USSR, second in 1 min. 52 sec. and Olga Akhieva, of the USSR, third in 1 min. 52.4 sec.

Soviet skaters had won both events yesterday (the 500 and 3,000 metres). —Reuter.

Tel Aviv, February 12.

Israeli sportsmen at the world overhauled in the third Maccabian games which are due to begin in Israel on September 37.

The games, sponsored by the Maccabi World Union, are run on the lines of the Olympic Games and events include athletics, basketball, boxing, cycling, fencing, soccer, rowing, shooting, swimming, water polo, lawn tennis and wrestling.

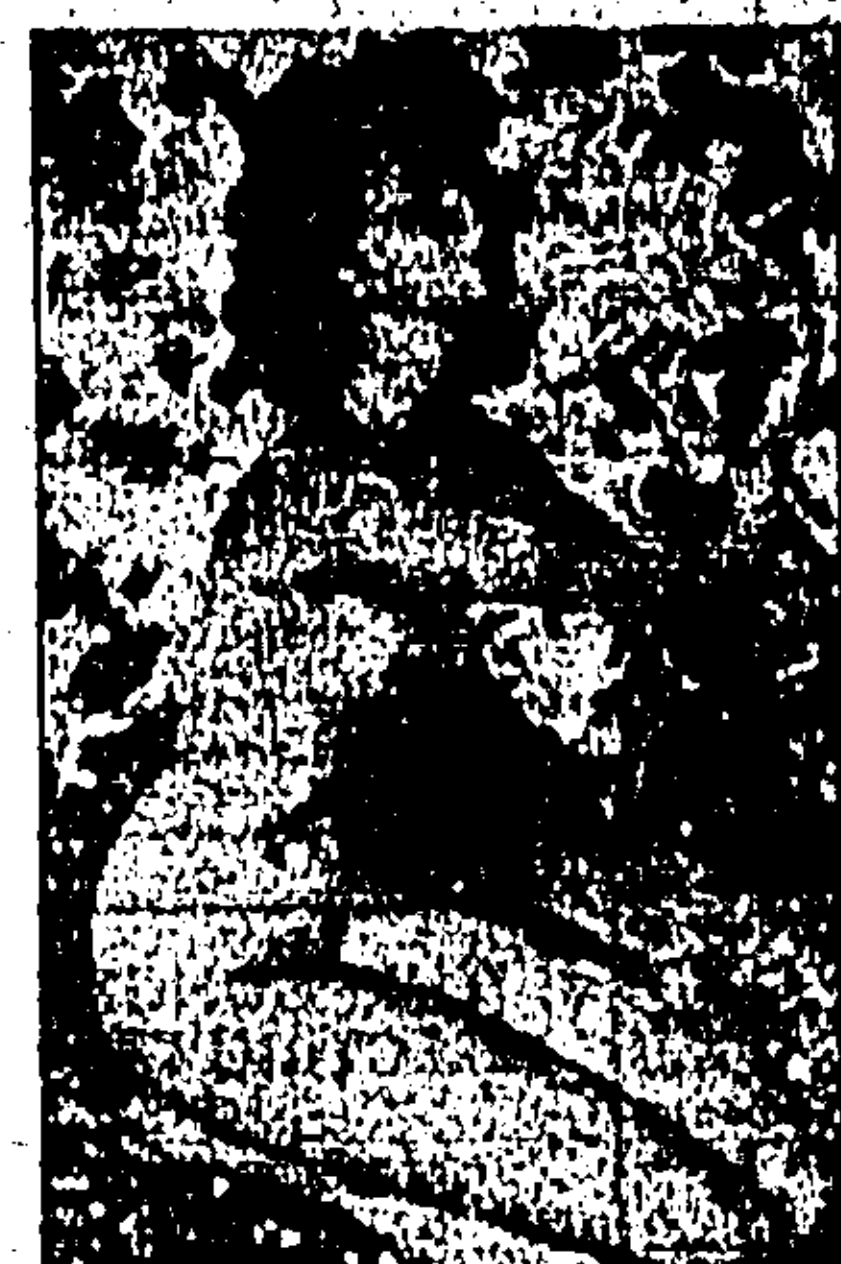
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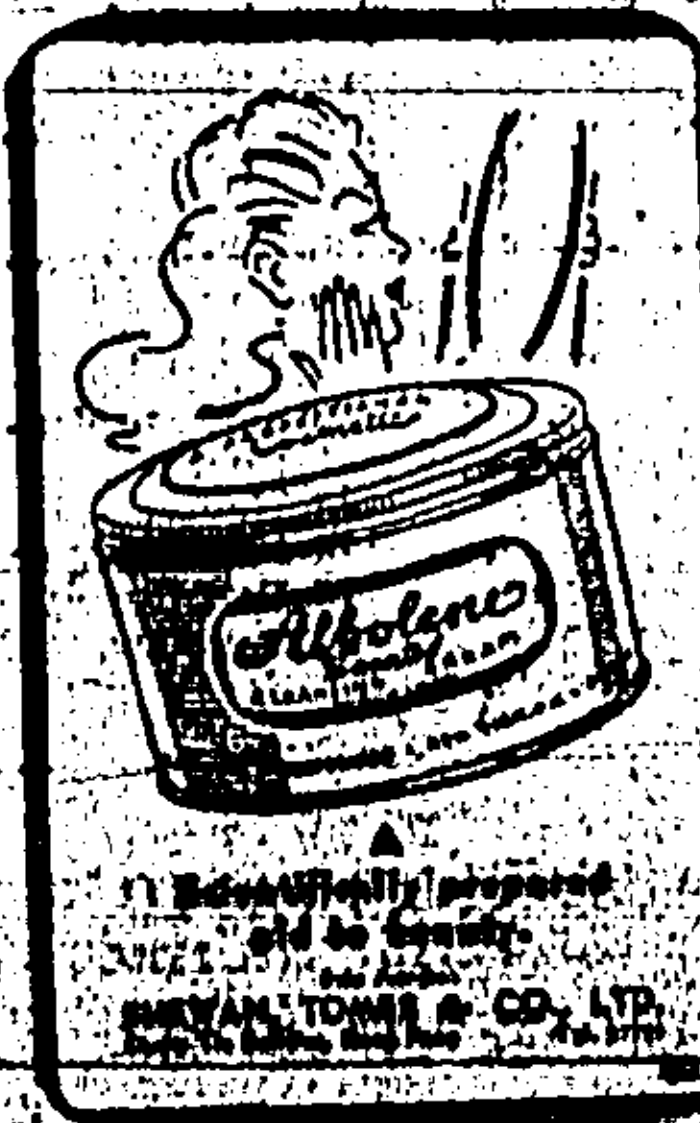
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Cinemas and "China Mail" Office.

THE HONGKONG AND
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LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the
Ordinary Yearly Meeting of
Shareholders of The Hongkong
& Shanghai Hotels, Limited,
will be held at the Registered
Office of the Company (Second
Floor, Telephone House, Des
Voeux Road, Central, Hong
Kong) on WEDNESDAY, the
15th day of March, 1950, at 12
Noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Board
of Directors, together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December,
1949, to confirm the appoint-
ment of a Director, to re-elect
a Director and to appoint Au-
ditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 1st March, 1950, to the 15th
March, 1950, both days in-
clusive.

AND NOTICE is hereby also
given that an Extraordinary
General Meeting of the Share-
holders of the Company will be
held at the same place on the
same day at the conclusion of
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting
for the purpose of considering
and if thought fit passing the
following Resolution as an Or-
dinary Resolution:—

"That the Board of Directors
of the Company be requested
not to exercise, for the time
being, their power to offer the
unissued capital of the Com-
pany to existing shareholders;
and that their Press announce-
ment dated the 8th March, 1949,
shall accordingly be regarded as
withdrawn."

By Order of the Board,
A. SOMMERFELT,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 6, 1950.

NOTICE

HUMPHREYS ESTATE &
FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting
of Shareholders will be held at
the Hongkong Hotel, Hong Kong,
on Saturday 18th March, 1950
at 12 Noon for the purpose of
receiving the Report of the
Directors with a Statement of
Accounts for the Year ended
31st December 1949 and for
the election of Directors and the
appointment of Auditors.

NOTICE is further hereby
given that the Register and
Transfer Books of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from the
4th March, 1950 to the 18th
March, 1950 both days inclusive
during which period no Trans-
fer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS
& SON LTD.,
General Managers

Hong Kong, February 14, 1950.

BANQUE BELGE POUR
L'ETRANGER

HONG KONG

As from today, February
13th 1950, our offices have been
transferred to our new premises
in Edinburgh House, Corner of
Ice House Street and Queen's
Road Central.

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The monthly dance will be
held on Saturday, February 18
—tickets \$5.00 on sale at the
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The following new telephone
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February 13, 1950.

THE "STAR" FERRY
COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Public are hereby ad-
vised that annual repairs to
piers will commence on Mon-
day 20th February, 1950.

Some congestion and delay
to cross harbour passengers
will be unavoidable, and
they are requested to co-
operate in mitigating this in-
convenience by avoiding trans-
ferring during peak traffic
periods as much as possible.

G.B.S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 14, 1950.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry
Forms for the 2nd Race Meet-
ing to be held on Saturday,
25th February, 1950, (weather
permitting) may be obtained
at the Secretary's Office, Tele-
phone House; the Club House,
Happy Valley; and the Stables,
Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock
NOON on WEDNESDAY, 15th
February, 1950.

By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

NOTICE

On and after the 16th Febru-
ary, 1950, the Vehicular Ferry
Service will be extended up to
1.00 a.m. daily for the trans-
portation of Vehicles and First
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HOURS OF BUSINESS

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

Friday 17th February.	Main Store & Branches	Closed
Saturday 18th February.	Branches & Food Section (Main Store)	Open 9 a.m. — 12 noon
Sunday 19th February.	Main Store & Branches	Closed

Bread and cakes will be on sale
on Sunday 19th February in
CAPE WISEMAN
which will be open as usual
throughout the holiday.

POLICE NOTICE

In view of the approaching Chinese New Year, it is hereby notified that the
Secretary for Chinese Affairs has given permission for fireworks, not being unlawful
fireworks, to be kindled, discharged or let off within the portions of the Colony enu-
merated in Part I of the following Table within the respective times set opposite such por-
tions in such Part I, subject nevertheless to the exceptions, prohibitions and restrictions
set out in Part II of the said Table.

PART I.

TABLE.

Portion of the Colony. (Subject nevertheless to the exceptions and prohibitions and restrictions set forth in Part II of this Table).	Permitted Times.
In the Island of Hong Kong:—	
(1) All the area within and bounded by Pedder Street to Connaught Road Central to Murray Road to Queen's Road Central, and back to Pedder Street.	(1), (2) & (3) from 11 p.m. on Thursday, the 16th February, 1950 (除夕) to 1 a.m. on Friday, the 17th February, 1950 (元日).
(2) All that area within and bounded by a line from the entrance to the Ruttonjee Sanatorium in Queen's Road East to Kennedy Road, along Kennedy Road to a line running immediately behind and parallel to King Wan Street, thence along this line to Stone Nullah Lane, down Stone Nullah Lane to Queen's Road East, along Queen's Road East to Tai Yuen Street, by Tai Yuen Street and O'Brien Road to Gloucester Road, along Gloucester Road to Stewart Road and thence by Ste- wart Road and Heard Street to the boundary of the Public Works Department Store.	Also from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, the 17th Febru- ary, 1950 (元日).
(3) All the area within & bounded by Leighton Hill Road to Caroline Road to Tung Lo Wan Road to Tai Hang Road, along Tai Hang Road to Stubbs Road, to Queen's Road East to Morrison Hill Road and back to Leighton Hill Road.	Also from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Thursday, the 23rd February, 1950 (元日).
The streets and roads or portions thereof, as the case may be, through which boundary lines pass are included within the areas (1), (2) and (3).	
In Kowloon:—	
(4) All that portion of the Kowloon Peninsula south of Austin Road.	(4) The same times as for areas (1), (2) & (3) above.
(5) The area within (and including) the following bound- ary:— Nathan Road from Austin Road to Boundary Street, thence Boundary Street to the Railway Line, thence the Railway Line to the Northern end of Kowloon Tong, thence Cornwall Road to Waterloo Road, thence Waterloo Road to Boundary Street, thence Boundary Street to Prince Edward Road, thence Prince Edward Road to Argyle Street, thence Argyle Street to Water- loo Road, thence Waterloo Road to No. 4 Railway Bridge, thence the Railway Line to Chatham Road, thence Chatham Road to Austin Road.	(5) The same times as areas (1), (2) & (3) above.
The whole of Jordan Road is included within the boundary.	
In the Colony:—	
(6) Elsewhere in the Colony.	(6) From 4 p.m. on Thurs- day, the 16th February, 1950 (除夕) to 4 p.m. on Satur- day, the 18th Feb. (年初二), from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Thursday, the 23rd Febru- ary, 1950 (元日).

PART II.

EXCEPTIONS, PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.

No fireworks shall be discharged within the following area:—

All that area within and bounded by a line along the whole of Ko Shing Street
to its western end or junction with Des Voeux Road West, thence along Des
Voeux Road West to its junction with Centre Street, thence along Centre Street
to its junction with Bonham Road, thence along and including Bonham Road
to a point found by producing the eastern boundary of Pound Lane, thence to
and along including Pound Lane, thence along and including Hollywood
Road to its junction with Queen's Road West, thence along Queen's Road West
to its junction with Queen Street, thence along Queen Street to its junction
with Ko Shing Street, the point of commencement. The course of the said line
is such that boundary streets and roads not specifically included in the area lie
outside it.

No burning firework or other fire shall be thrown above the head, or near any
person or inflammable material, and every reasonable precaution must be taken against
accident.

The kindling, discharge or letting off of fireworks in or in the vicinity of hos-
pitals, or of places of Christian Worship during Divine Service, is prohibited.
The firing of Bombs, "Electric" crackers and "Golden Coin" crackers is strictly
prohibited.

With reference to the permission hereby notified attention is drawn to the rule
set forth in Government Notification No. 79 published in the Government Gazette dated
10th February, 1933, "No person shall make, sell, or have in his possession any fire-
work which explodes on impact, or which contains any explosive ingredient or mixture
other than black gunpowder, charcoal sulphur, saltpetre, aluminium and potassium
perchlorate, or which has in any single container thereof more than 10 grains of any
explosive mixture in which potassium perchlorate is an ingredient.

Occupiers of premises are warned as to their liability under the Summary Offences
Ordinance, 1932, in particular in respect of any unlawful firing or throwing of fireworks
at, or from their premises.

The Police have strict orders to summon or arrest persons firing fireworks in con-
travention of the foregoing permission and rule.

D. W. MacINTOSH,
Commissioner of Police.

February 7, 1950.

DIOCESAN BOYS'
SCHOOL

An Entrance Examination
will be held on 6th May for
boys wishing to enter Class 3
in September 1950. There will
be about sixty vacancies.

Application forms may be
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February 10, 1950.

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Sports centre

Almost everybody has a hobby. Some may like to collect stamps whereas others may take great interest in sports.

E. C. Fincher's store on 11, Salisbury Road, a minute's walk from the Star Ferry Kowloon Pier, is the centre of almost all kinds of sports equipment.

Don't think that shop only sells sports equipment. Other imported goods including dolls for your kiddies, in-door games for all

ages, dresses for ladies and sports-wear for both ladies and gentlemen are also sold here.

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Perhaps many people are now wondering where best gifts in gold and silver for all occasions are sold. On 40, Nathan Road, just right in front of Peking Road in Tsimshatsui district on the mainland, is G. M. Arthur & Company. One of the very few dealers in jewellery, G. M. Arthur & Company has a good reputation in gifts made of high class crystal.

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Kiddies' toys

One of the very few mainland stores of toys for kiddies of all ages is the Sunny Company, 11-90, Nathan Road.

Always a warehouse of best toys, Sunday Company, a name kiddies will always remember, is also a good place to buy—sets, stationery, kiddies' books and other things that will fascinate your children.

For adults, Sunny Company is one of the few places on the mainland where popular maga-

zines, periodicals and other stationery can be obtained.

Even baby chairs, prams and other furniture for domestic use are on display at the popular Sunny Company.

A little beyond, Sunny Company, on Nathan Road, there is another toy wonderland where only toys of the best quality are sold.

National Toy Company at 220, Nathan Road, Kowloon, is the place where scientific toys such as remote control, trainsets, aeroplanes and even motor cars are sold.

For young girls whose paramount hope in the coming Chinese New Year is to have a new doll, surprise them by obtaining a life-like talking doll. Remember, like other well known stores, National Toy Company is always packed with toy shoppers. So do your shopping at the National Toy Company early before your kiddies' ideal toys are sold out.

Also for adults' information, all toys sold in the store are at reasonable prices.

Bring your children to National Toy Company, the store that has a thousand and one items, and see how much your kiddies are fascinated by the toys sold there.

Leading bookstore

Do you know which is the mainland's leading bookstore? If you decide to answer this, I suggest you visit Swindon Book Company, 25, Nathan Road. For that is the store where reading matter from almost all parts of the world find their place.

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Chinese shops gaily decorated for New Year

One of the biggest Chinese festivals in the entire Chinese lunar year is the "Sun-nien"—New Year.

According to the Chinese lunar calendar for 1950, the New Year happens to fall on Friday Next.

Since the beginning of last week, many of the mainland Chinese shops that sell Chinese native products, have already started to decorate their premises with red paper and cloth.

And, on the streets, all through Kowloon, especially Shanghai Street, where so many of the mainland's Chinese stores are located, red-coloured paper bags for "Lai-sze" are already on sale.

Many wise housewives who anticipated that during the New Year season, fresh food would be hard to get, as many farmers would declare at least two days' holiday, made trips to the New Territories specially in order to purchase enough food for the coming holiday.

Aged folks in many families are now busily buying materials to make Chinese New Year's cakes which will be either eaten by their families or be presented to friends and relatives as New Year's gifts.

As they always do when an important festival is approaching, kiddies are now spending extra time after school hours to do window shopping.

Their sole aim is to select the best kind of toys or candies from the shop windows and then to persuade their parents to buy them.

main items of goods sold at Carpets Industries. Situated at 63, Austin Road, Carpets Industries is the real place where velvet cushion covers can be obtained at moderate prices.

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Good food

There is nothing like a good delicious Chinese chow on New Year's Eve. The popular dining place on the mainland that can offer you excellent Chinese food at reasonable prices is the dining hall of Grand Hotel, Carnarvon Road.

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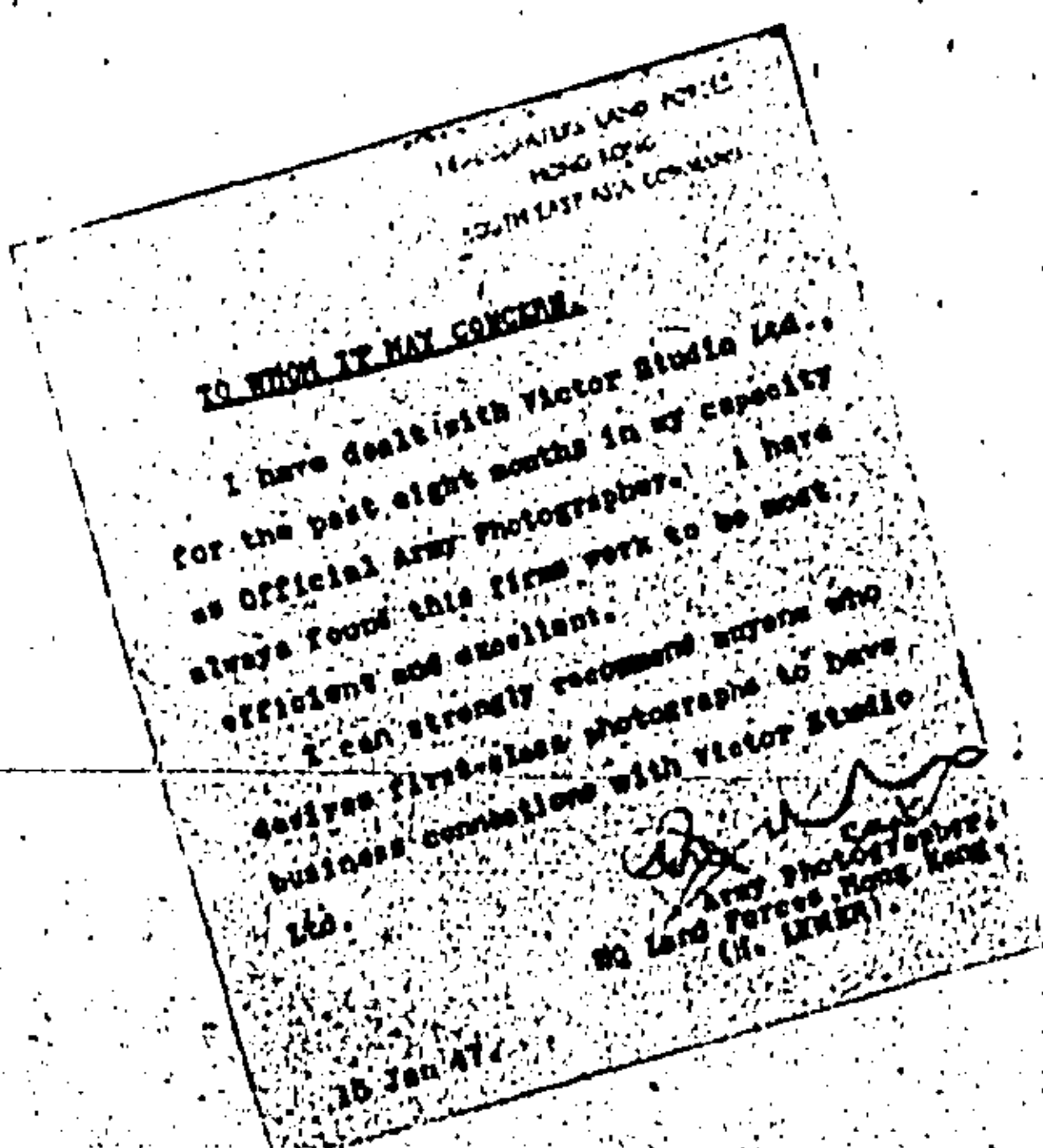
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Once again Britain may face peril from the sweating mills of Japan and a new Germany out to get rich again. Here is the first-hand background to a story which affects every worker in Britain.

Remember how, 15 years ago, British folk were shocked by the shilling shirt?

Made in Japan, it was flooding the markets of the world. It was five shillings cheaper than anything the mills of Lancashire could produce. It put Lancashire cotton workers out of jobs by the thousand.

Canadian-US defence co-operation

White Horse, Yukon, February 12. Canadian-American defence co-operation has advanced to the point where there would be "unpleasant surprises for anybody who takes in take us on" American Brigadier General George Stewart said today.

General Stewart is overall field commander of the first joint Canadian-American war games the largest sub-Arctic winter manoeuvres ever staged, which get underway at 12.01 a.m. Yukon time today.

At that time, the elite troops of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry move out of this base in full battle regalia to travel North Westward up the Alaskan highway with temperatures expected to go well below zero.

Meanwhile, an "aggressor force" comprising United States troops is expected to engage the Canadian forces on D-Day plus One about 237 miles West of White Horse and the battle will be on.

The mission of the Canadians is to hold the aggressors until an "allied force" moves up. The object is to retake Alaska, where the enemy is entrenched after a surprise assault.—United Press.

E. German purge continues

Berlin, February 12. The Communist-inspired purge of Liberals and Christian Democrats in the Soviet Zone, which reached its peak on Wednesday, continued at a reduced rate this week-end.

The Liberal Democratic Party's provincial committee at Schwerin today suspended Erich Preisemann, a member of the Mecklenburg Provincial Parliament, who has been criticised by the Communist-led Socialist Unity Party (SED) for alleged derogatory remarks about the "people's owned" industries and the activist workers' movement.

Preisemann has fled to Western Berlin, where more than 300 East Zone politicians of every level are reported to have taken refuge since the beginning of the year.—Reuter.

London, February 12. Pakistan's High Commissioner to Britain, Mr. Habib Rahimtoola, returned to London by air today after a six weeks' visit to Pakistan. He said that his visit had convinced him that the decision of the Pakistan Government not to devalue its rupee has been taken in the best interests of the country's trade and economy.—Reuter.

And the busy Japanese were not only making shirts. They sold the world's cheapest socks. 3d.-a-dozen matches, bicycles that were pounds cheaper than any—

thing Britain could turn out. All these goods the Japanese article of Britain had been proudly making for decades.

Is it all going to happen again? At this vital moment in Britain's recovery drive there is a chance that Britons shall have to meet the Japanese on the unfair terms that poorly-paid labour can give the manufacturers of the Far East? Many British businessmen think so.

They see the way things are going by the arrival of the Far East's first 200 shirts. A thousand dozen piled up in a big Manchester warehouse last week.

True, these aren't Japanese shirts sneaked in from Hong Kong under Imperial Preference— they were made in Hong Kong itself from yarn spun locally or originating in the Empire.

But British manufacturers see the possible danger. Nearer home, too, they see how post-war Germany may try to enter their markets with cut-price goods.

Now let us take a close-up of two Japanese workers in Japan and Germany.

TOKYO

By Richard Hughes

Out into the snow and drizzle of a black Osaka winter morning, a 35-year-old Tsuru Zuzuki, textile worker at Keneguchi cotton mill, goes to work.

Zuzuki-San, the shabbiest man in the world, wears darned old clothes, wooden geta (clogs), carries his lunchbox of rice, dried fish and pickles under his arm.

He faces a half-hour railway trip in a packed car to his factory, where he begins work at 8 a.m. and finishes at 5 p.m. Six days a week, earning 4,000 yen (say £4) a month.

He shares a three-roomed paper and bamboo home near Osaka canal with his in-laws, whose own home was burned down in the early American fire raids.

With his wife, his mother-in-law, father-in-law, and two children, he sits, eats and sleeps on the matting floor of the tiny home, where all the fuel for cooking and heating is provided by charcoal.

At the factory, where American rationalisation methods have recently been spurring on production and cutting—operating cost—down, Zuzuki-San is uncompromisingly to produce inferior textiles at one-third the cost of Lancashire textiles.

Crowding into the stuffy railway carriage beside him is his neighbour, Konichi Takahashi, who wears a 1910-style white work suit—a protection against tuberculosis germs and who labours in a gimcrack toy factory near Kanaguchi textile mill.

Takahashi-San means yellow paint on mass-produced duck toys made in imitation of an English model and now selling at one-quarter of the English cost in Indonesia, India, South America.

Takahashi-San is a relatively unskilled worker, but because he

has four children he earns 5,000 yen (£5) a month.

Neither Zuzuki-San nor Takahashi-San, who part with elaborate bows at the factory gates, has money—nor the desire for recreation or sport.

Each solemnly throws a baseball to his companion at the half-hour meal break and the two toss down a few glasses of sake (warm rice wine) or excellent Japanese beer after work on the way home.

They take their children for a walk on their weekly day off, and they are still far more comfortable in their yukata (informal Japanese kimono) than in Western-style dress.

They tend to suspect the union organisers, who urge them to unite for higher wages and a higher standard of living.

So long as they have enough to eat—and by comparative standards they are eating more than English workers are—they are content to continue the ancient Japanese tradition of hard work, Spartan living, and obedience to authority.

They know that their Emperor saved them—and the world—from hardship and suffering by graciously ending the war in which the Americans were using hideously unfair bombing, and they know that the Americans are now busily helping them recover industrially.

They blandly accept their coddle rice-bowl standards of living—because they still know no other. On the bowed shoulders of eighty million Zuzukis and Takahashis Japan is doggedly hoping to win its way back to Asiatic leadership—and leadership of the world markets.

BERLIN

From Antony Terry

Cutlery, cars, cameras, toys, textiles and Rhine wine are some of the things Germany hopes to sell to the world in increasing quantities during the next few years.

Typical of the energy the Germans are putting into rebuilding their export trade is the spectacular post-war comeback of the £2,000,000 people's car plant near Brunswick.

Four miles of factory built by Hitler to make "amphibious jeeps" to carry his armies across France and Russia finished up a mass of twisted scrap-iron after a dozen heavy RAF raids in 1945.

When British troops took over the plant the official description was "70 per cent destroyed." British Control Commission officials who followed the troops immediately set about putting the Volkswagen factory on its feet again.

The brilliant American-trained director of the Volkswagen plant hopes eventually to oust British cars from Scandinavia and other European markets and to step up output to 60,000 cars a year.

Working conditions in the Volkswagen factory, where 10,000 are now employed, are good by German standards. Forty-nine-year-old Kurt Schreuder, who earns 25 a week fitting "luxury upholstery" inside the



THE TWENTY-THIRD MAN

CHALLENGE TO AMERICA

Recent weeks have seen the jet-propelled Comet airliner cruising six miles up at nearly 600 mph, the new prop-jet Viscount and Apollo medium-range airliners setting revolutionary standards in quiet and vibration free flight, and swept-wing fighters able to fly faster than sound.

This is the promising civil aviation picture. A far cry indeed from the days of 1946-47, when, emerging from wartime specialisation on military planes, Britain found herself without a modern airliner, reduced to hasty uneconomic conversions of warplanes to reopen her overseas airlines, and finally forced to go to America to spend begrudged dollars on the latest transport planes developed there during that same war.

Yet today Britain's airlines are still largely dependent on those machines. BOAC is, in fact, now just receiving those planes ordered two years ago. They will have to stay in use for some years ahead.

Coincidentally, British manufacturers have exported £33,000,000 worth of planes and parts in the past year. This seeming paradox holds the key to a situation which is a continual puzzle to the layman.

Civil air transport dating only from 1919, is probably the youngest of Britain's big industries and has expanded violently to its present status. With its growing size and complexity, the modern airliner takes five to seven years from its birth to its introduction into airline service.

At the same time, due to its heavy cost, it must give at the very least five years' efficient service before its initial cost is recouped.

Planners drawing up the initial specification must, therefore, foresee the demands of five years hence if they are to have a

£440 expert model of the Volkswagen, pays 10s. a week for his spotlessly clean, simply furnished—single room—on the Nazi-built housing estate—and, of course, he has no fares to pay. He cycles to work, pays £1 a week to his landlady for a single meat-meal a day and takes a packet of brown bread and dripping for his mid-shift meal.

success. A wrong guess means a costly failure, for there is no halfway house.

The Tudor controversy, which raged for two of the post-war years, illustrated the impossibility

By
Harry C. Drake

in practice of planners changing their minds as the aircraft takes shape.

So today, while British airlines "fly American," British manufacturers are showing that there is high promise in the drastic decision two and a half years ago to pin faith onto the new "Jet Age"—brought to practical fruition in fact by our military fighter development during the war.

It seems perhaps ironic to the Americans that whereas the famous wartime decision committing Britain to warplane development, and the USA to transport planes, left America in a position of great civil aviation strength in 1946—and brought the airlines of the world queuing to her factories for orders to restart their services—it set Britain on the path to jet-propulsion, in which she holds a two-year lead and has practical new jet airliners in the air.

A vital question, to be answered only by the experience of 1950 and 1951, is whether the whole future of civil air transport lies with the "jet"—both the straight-through engine and that harnessed to drive a propeller.

If the jet's great advantages—setting a new standard in comfort, greatly increased speed and less inflammable and cheaper fuel—prevail over its present problems of great "thrust," air control difficulties, and the somewhat unknown conditions at 40,000 feet—where it operates best, then Britain must liberally lay supreme in civil aviation in a few years.

National pride

Full achievement of that ideal means selling to the USA—the hardest business in the world—and even allowing for complete success of the "Jet Age," American national pride must not be underestimated.

Britain's lead today is a challenge and a spur to the American industry, and efforts to produce a jet airliner over there within the next five years must be expected.

The British State-owned airlines have pledged their faith by ordering the Comet for BOAC's long-distance routes and the prop-jet Viscount for BEA's medium-stage services. These should be in service two years before any possible U.S. type.

Both corporations, however,

have "insurances" against failure of the new aircraft in service. By 1952-53 both airlines will have only a portion of their fleets dependent on jet propulsion—BOAC will still have its present Strato-cruisers, Constellations and Hermes (still to come) with useful life left, while BEA have concurrently ordered piston-engined Ambassadors to share their routes with the Viscount.

This arrangement, giving the planners the greatest possible flexibility to offset committing themselves so far in advance, must necessarily be costly.

Most intriguing problem of 1950 is whether American airlines will consider the British threat so serious as to over-come their natural prejudice and place orders here.

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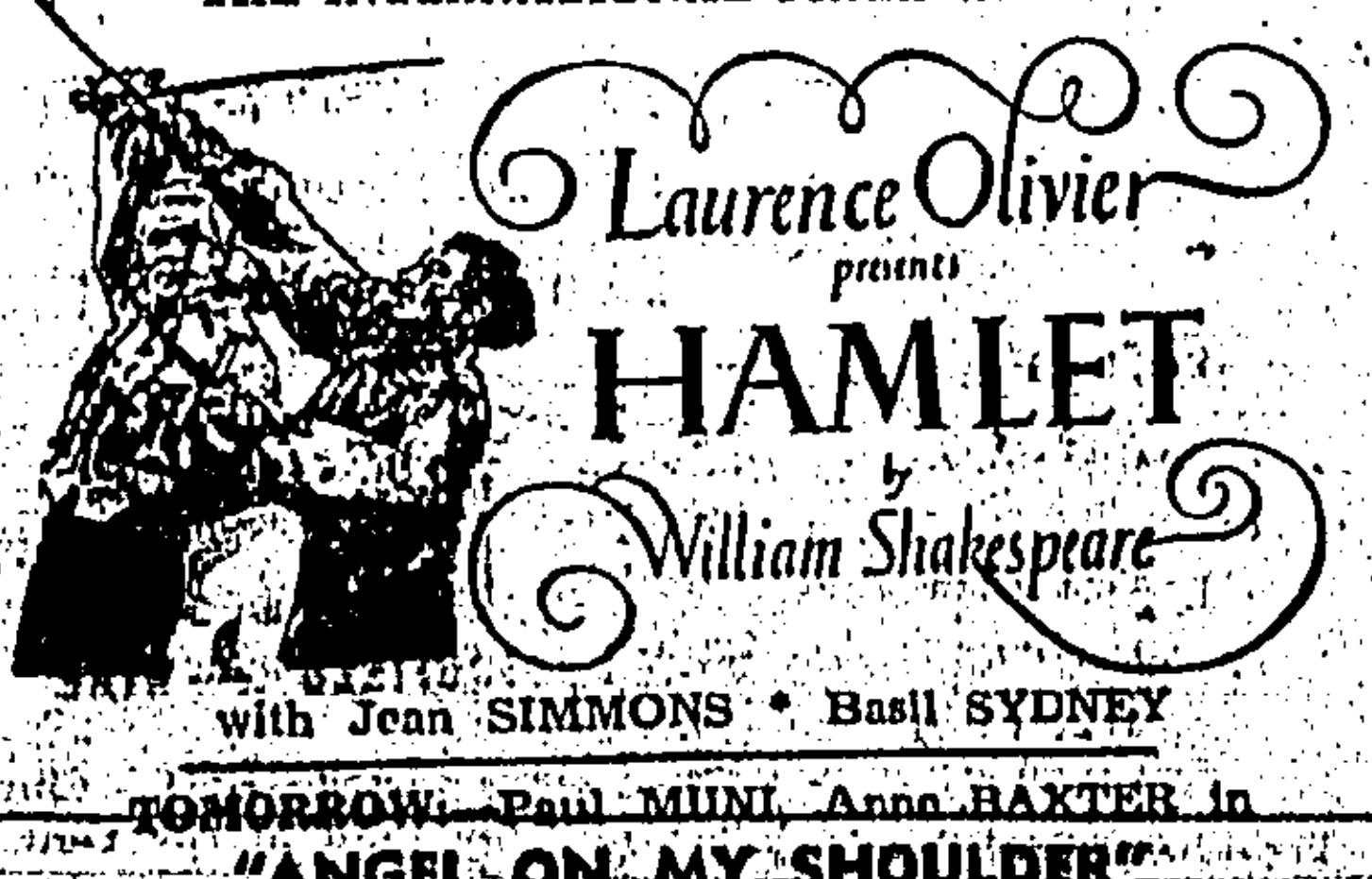


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WAR GETTING WARMER****Soviet letter
on atomic
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London, February 12. Radio Moscow today broadcast the text of the Soviet complaint to the United Nations declaring Russia is not to blame for the breaking off of the United Nations atomic control talks.

The broadcast quoted a Tass news agency despatch on a letter sent by Russia's United Nations delegate, Mr. Jacob Malik, to the UN Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie in connection with a statement issued by the Western members of the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission.

The letter said: "The assertion in the statement of the representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Canada that important and serious consultations on the atomic question had been broken off as a result of the position taken by the Soviet Union is incorrect and distorts the stand of the Soviet delegation on these questions."

The broadcast then quoted the texts of statements made by the representative of the Soviet Union at the consultative conference of permanent members of the Atomic Energy Commission on January 19. The letter stated the Soviet delegate at that time merely supported the demand of the Chinese Communist Government for the expulsion of the Nationalist delegates and proposed this expulsion.

The representatives of the United States, Britain, France and Canada rejected this proposal of the Soviet Republic as a result of which the USSR was obliged to leave the consultative conference and at the same time makes an appropriate statement," said the broadcast—United Press.

Calcutta, February 12. Vigorous police and military patrols continued here today—the fourth day of communal disturbances—and the curfew was extended to a few more places in West Bengal, an official communiqué said.

Incidents in the city today included four stabbing cases and two cases of arson, the communiqué said—Reuter.

Editor's Note:—Ever since independence came to the Indian sub-continent and a new Muslim state, Pakistan, was created, tension has been mounting on Pakistan's North Western frontier, home of the independent and warlike Pathan tribes. A vitally interested party and Pakistan's chief antagonist in this situation is Afghanistan. This article explores Afghanistan's concern and gives the background of a conflict which many qualified observers fear may soon burst into actual war.

By **ARNOLD FLETCHER**

Kabul, Afghanistan, February 12.

The two-year-old cold war between Afghanistan and Pakistan increases daily in virulence and heat.

It has indirectly involved India, it appears to be gaining the serious attention of the Soviet policy-makers and seems almost certain to draw in other powers as supporters, if not allies, of one side or the other if it explodes into a fighting war.

So far the weapons have been only propaganda and diplomacy. Early in January Afghanistan and India signed a five-year treaty of peace and friendship providing stronger diplomatic relations and mutual economic assistance.

Some interpreters explain India's sympathy with Afghanistan by pointing out that if Pathan tribesmen are involved in hostilities on the Afghan-Pakistan border, they will not be available to engage in India-Pakistan hostilities in Kashmir.

Afghanistan recently reversed her old attitude of fear and suspicion towards Russia. The signs of this were the employment of Soviet technicians by the Afghan government and the first visit to Kabul of a Soviet trade mission.

The current crisis in relations between Afghanistan and Pakistan began in November, 1947, when a special envoy, Najibullah Khan, was sent from Kabul to Karachi for a series of conferences with the Governor-General Mohammed Ali Jinnah, father of the Pakistan nation, and Zafarullah Khan, Pakistan's foreign minister.

Autonomy promised

After some initial hesitation, according to Najibullah Jinnah stated that Pakistan recognised the independence of the Feroz tribes and promised that the administered Pathan area would have an autonomous government, independent in all matters but defence, foreign relations, and communications.

The Afghan envoy returned to Kabul. But on the day following his last interview with Jinnah, Liaquat Ali Khan, prime minister of Pakistan, in a speech in Peshawar said that the free tribes are an integral part of Pakistan and possess in no way a separate identity.

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**Clothes
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Biloxi, February 12.

U. S. Department of Agriculture scientists have learned how to make clothing from maize, Frank L. Teuton, head of the information division of the Department's Bureau of Agricultural and Industrial Chemistry, told the Southern Association of Agricultural Workers in a speech today.

Mr. Teuton said the Bureau had developed a method of producing fabrics from the protein, zinc, found in maize, and had sold the formula to a manufacturer who is already turning out dresses and suits. The fibre could be mixed with wool or rayon depending upon the finish desired. He said, "I am weaving a suit made wholly of maize fibre."

Mr. Teuton also said that a process has been developed by which newspaper can be made from wheat straw and one Chicago newspaper is experimenting with such print.

Scientists are looking for uses for 175,000,000 pounds of chicken feathers wasted yearly, he revealed.

Mr. Teuton said the Bureau has developed two new cotton fabrics, one completely water-repellent, which will be manufactured from cotton fibres normally considered a waste—United Press.

and the incident was referred to a committee for arbitration.

Steady tension

Since then, the situation has remained one of steady tension, although actual acts of hostility have been avoided. The Afghans insist, nevertheless, that they have not moderated their demands for the independence of the tribal areas and the creation of an independent Pushtoonistan.

Last November, the Afghan Press and radio proclaimed establishment of the "Independent Pushtoonistan by Afghani Pathans" meeting at Tirah Bach, near the Khyber pass.

The eventual outcome is, of course, unpredictable. It is possible that the Afghans would actually begin hostilities with their larger neighbour, if they were certain of the co-operation of the tribes and the non-interference of Britain.

If fighting were resumed between India and Pakistan and Kashmir, many think the Afghans would certainly seize the opportunity for their own attack. Pakistan, on the other hand, is not anxious for trouble on its North Western border. For reasons of national security, however, it is determined to retain sovereignty over the Pathans.

And the Pathans? The majority seem to feel "a plague on both your houses." For hundreds of years, they have kept their freedom under the attacks of Turk, Mogul, and British. They are confident that they can continue to do so—Associated Press.

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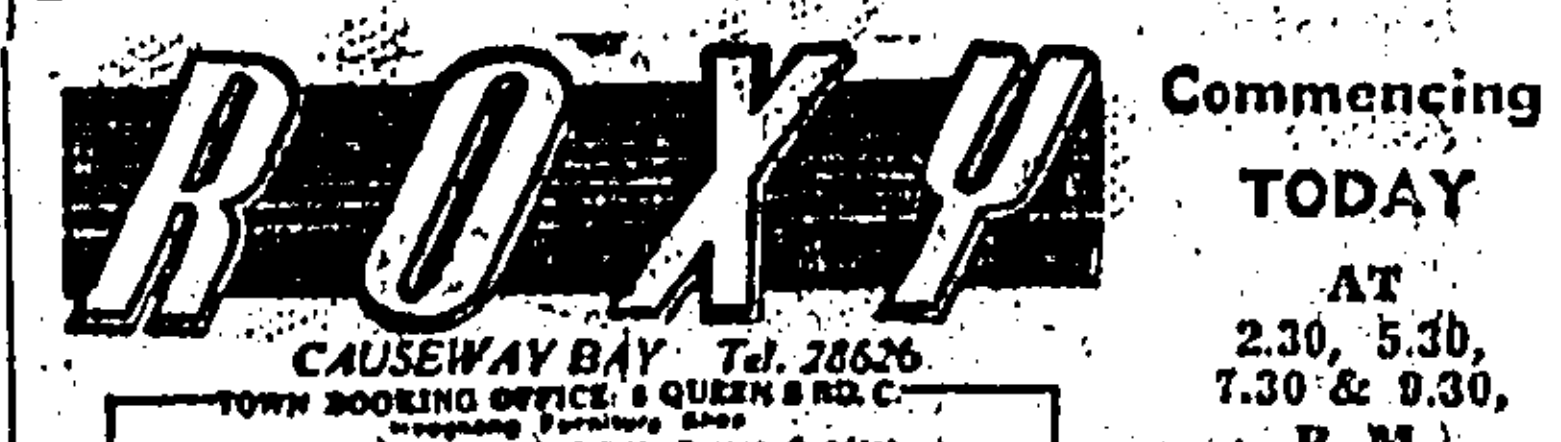
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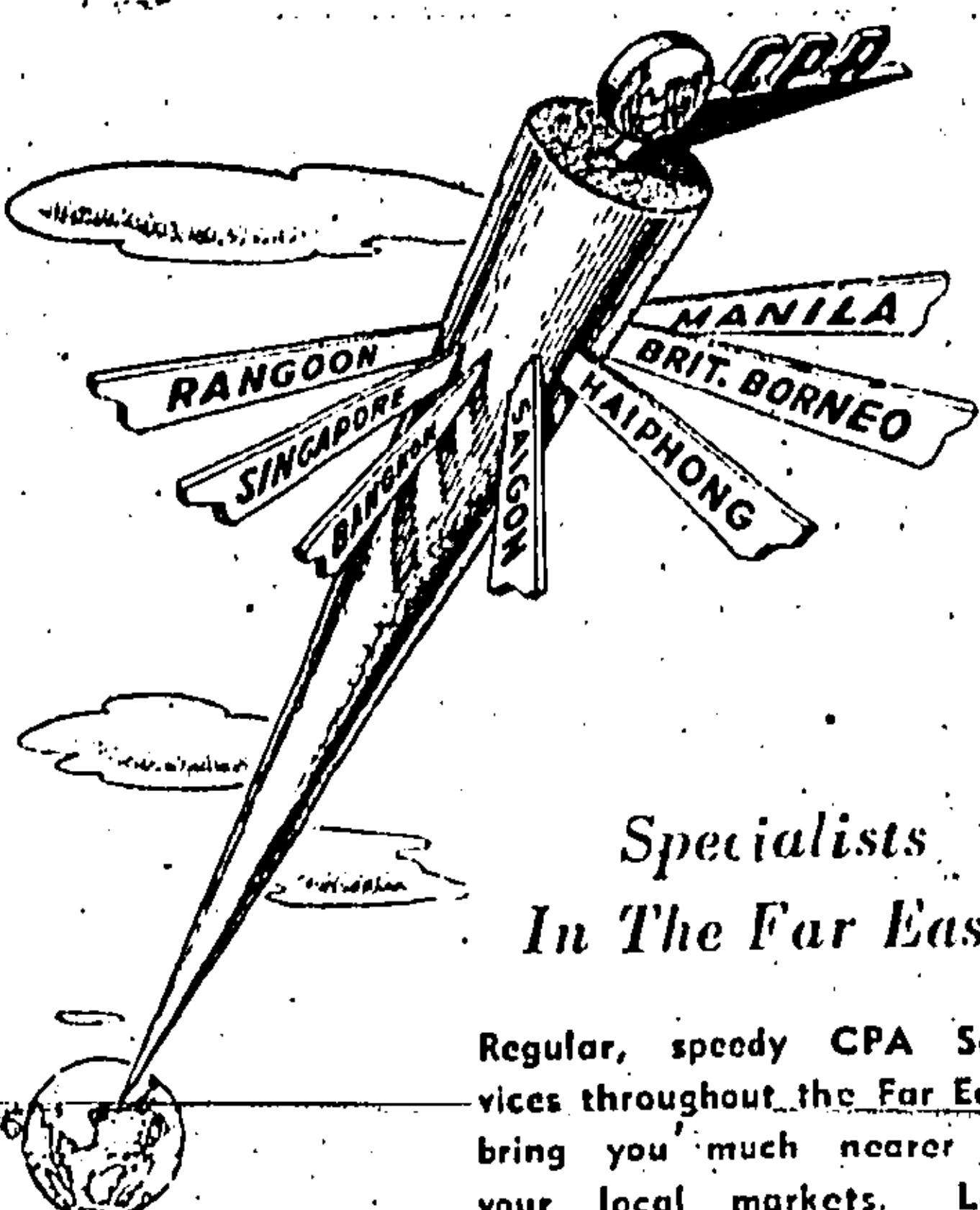
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THE ECONOMIC COLD WAR

The cold war is moving into an economic phase, and in this the Kremlin has already tried to exploit the global aspect of the conflict. It has endeavored to get a very large quantity of steel rails from the Western Zone of Germany to meet requirements in Manchuria and North China. The order is said to date from the Nationalist regime, and the Peking Government asked Moscow to help secure its fulfillment. Since it is evidently unable or unwilling to do it from its own resources, the Soviet Government attempted to get the supplies from Western Germany. Acceptance of the order was banned by the Allied authorities, and the order was passed on to Britain, where steel rails are not considered as a strategic export. The decision on the quantity to be supplied will be based, not on any political considerations, but on the quota system. This in turn will be influenced by the amount of wolfram which can be obtained from China in exchange.

At the same time the Soviet Government offered the Siamese authorities a barter agreement, whereby fertilizers, machinery and paper would be exchanged for rice. The fertilizers would no doubt come from areas in Manchuria and Korea under Soviet domination, the machinery from the industries looted in Manchuria after the Russian occupation, and the paper from the Kuriles. The system is little better than that operated by the Japanese in wartime, when they drained the occupied territories of all they wanted and gave nothing in return. And if there is not an identical indifference to the absolute necessities in the way of food, at least the Soviet looks to others to supply the needs of peoples from whose resources it is taking large stocks of foodstuffs for itself.

No contrast between Allied and Japanese policies was more noted by the peoples who had been invaded by the Japanese than the lack of everything, even the barest needs, before their liberation—and the rapidly with which the shops were filled to overflowing with consumer goods of all sorts from the West after the liberation. Whatever criticism may be made of industrial capitalism, trade as conducted on Western lines represents a genuine exchange of goods. It is often overlooked that one of the causes of the break between Marshal Tito and the Kremlin was precisely the unabashed economic exploitation which was the basis of Moscow's policy in Eastern Europe.

Indeed, this is at the root of the renewed conflict in Germany. An Inter-zonal trade agreement was made last October to develop trade between East and West Germany. This trade was more or less to be balanced. The Soviet Zone fell behind in its deliveries and therefore there has been for some time a persistent adverse balance. It exhausted its credit and Western Germany suspended deliveries of iron and steel. The action had nothing to do with political considerations as such, or with the Soviet's "little blockade" of road traffic from Western Germany to Berlin.

In London it was pointed out that non-fulfillment by the Eastern Zone was due to no

Life in Czechoslovakia--No. 1:

IRON CURTAIN DRAPES A CRADLE OF LIBERALISM

By Eric Bourne

More vividly than anything else, the General Election illustrates the differences between life in Britain and life in Communist Czechoslovakia, from which I have just been expelled.

On the face of it, the contrast between the life of Frantisek, the Czech miner, and his wife Slavka, who works in a textile factory or drives a tram, and Jack, the Manchester engineer, and his wife Sue, who is a shop assistant, is not very sharp.

Both couples find that life after the war, although improving is still very hard. Both have become reconciled to their country's best goods going overseas in export drives. Both may scumble.

Jack and Sue may still grumble as loud and long as they like, tell Mr. Attlee he is to blame, and tell him to go. They will still keep their jobs.

Frantisek and Slavka can air their grievances, too, provided they do it in an "organised" fashion through the Party Press. If they make too much noise among their mates, then both are likely to find themselves transferred as politically unreliable to other less well paid jobs.

If they are too uncomplimentary about Mr. Gottwald, then the law for the "protection of the Republic," which also protects Communist presidents from criticism, will look after them.

Poll trickery

I witnessed the so-called election in Czechoslovakia in the spring of 1948, three months after the Communist coup.

In those three months hundreds of political opponents had been swept into goal, thousands had been thrown out of their jobs in a purge too often left in the hands of petty officials pursuing a personal vendetta, and only those who had a "positive" attitude towards the new regime were safe.

Right until the last few weeks, the Party's Secretary-General, Rudolf Slansky, was declaring that the Communists returned the biggest Parliamentary party in the normal, democratic election of 1946 and confident now, he said, of at least 70 per cent of the votes, would fight the polls independently of the other parties.

Suddenly, he and his associates in the "Red House," the massive one-time bank in Prague's Prikope street which now houses the Party headquarters, realised the misgivings and distance even among many who had backed them against "reaction" in February, by the method employed since the coup.

The election was put off for a week, the inter-party fight for votes was denounced as a wasteful conflict and a single list was put forward, in which Socialist and Communist parties were lumped in at the tail of the Communists, was engineered in place of the normal poll.

Two reminders

The weapon of political control of jobs, the enforced acceptance of the Party of Stalin; and of everything he has ever said or done as holy writ, the redial of the public administration and offices, the universities and the professions to ensure everywhere a corps of "yes-men"—and the forced labour ("corrective") camps for the stubborn ones who still refuse to comply make up the harsh, unhappy atmosphere of Communist Eastern Europe.

It has been all the sadder to see this process in Czechoslovakia, which was the easy-going, middle-of-the-road democracy of Masaryk and Benes, a cradle of liberalism, tolerance and freedom of expression and social reform.

Now the Communists are launching a new campaign to explode

lack of ability. It has ample supplies of the produce which it contracted to deliver, such as timber, fodder, potatoes, and sugar. Delivery was withheld wilfully and deliberately. As the well-known commentator W.N. Ewer put it, "the October" agreement has been used not for reciprocal trade, but as a means of accumulating stocks, especially iron and steel, without paying for them." It is indeed regarded as part of the moves, of which the projected march on Berlin by a uniformed host of young German Communists is the most spectacular, for a major showdown in Berlin.

In real war one makes full use of the weapons in which his side is superior. In the economic phase of the conflict the superiority is on the side of the West. The problem in being solved is how best to make use of it, not only in its negative but in its positive aspect.

the Masaryk-Benes "myth." But men are dead but are reminders for most Czechs of other days and other ways—days when many persons may have suffered hardship, but none the fearful political uncertainty of the present.

What the Czechs gained in economic security is outweighed by the decline in human freedom and the denial of free thought. Propagandists in Prague will certainly denounce that statement as falsehood, but they would not care to submit the issue to the test of a free vote.

Nothing has been more appalling to see than the despair and bitterness aroused in large sections of Czech youth by the new policy. Many students and scholars whose formative years were spent solely under Nazi influence

were flung out of their studies simply on the score of their social background.

It has been terrible to hear these young people, intelligent, decent and liberal in outlook, say as I have heard many of them say with deep conviction: "It was not worse under the Germans."

Older sections of the community have been just as clumsily handled. Even the workers are showing signs of resentment at being "pushed around." Despite appeals and warnings from the Party bosses, less than 10 per cent of three million trade unionists—the "biggest" beneficiaries under current economic gains—have become "shock-workers."

Sometimes it has seemed impossible that Czechs should try to

govern Czechs with such an incredible lack of understanding of the national make-up. But, of course, the country is being governed along Soviet-Bolshevik lines, regardless of Czech peculiarities, strictly in accordance with Russian needs.

These needs arise from the fact that, without aid from somewhere, Russia would require a dangerously long time to repair the damage of the German invasion.

So Stalin sought and found his allies in Eastern Europe, each destined to help the task of Soviet reconstruction and the creation of a new "Socialist half continent," as a sort of half-way house to the world revolution.

In this "Socialist half continent" Czechoslovakia was allotted a key role. How she is fulfilling it and how the Czech people have been brought into line for that purpose I shall discuss tomorrow.

Joan's a rocket-range wife

British war-bride Joan Greentrees, wife of an Australian airman, keeps house in the world's most isolated township.

Two areas. In one, the prohibited area, civilian and Service personnel live and work. In the other—the "inner secret area"—the guided rockets are actually fired.

But despite the remoteness of Woomera from civilisation, Joan

By G. D. K. McCORMICK

Greentrees has a super-modern home with all-electric fittings, refrigerator and labour-saving devices. She has two children, four-year-old Michael and his sister Erika.

"This is my first home," says Joan, "and I like it. We are far better off here than in the city. Rent for my five-room house is £1 10s. 6d. a week, plus £10 a year extra for each £100 worth of furniture.

"Housekeeping is easier than in the towns. We buy all our food from the departmental supply service and it's delivered at our door. For extras we use the mail order departments of city stores."

Joan, who comes from South Wales, is the first girl from Britain to live on the range. Certainly the village is the last word in modernity. There's even hot water laid on at each cottage. The water is brought 280 miles by pipeline from the Murray River. That's one rea-

Happiest spot in Nutland

By Noel Monds

Noli, in the Southern Province, is a groundnut town that was stillborn—but soon determined men, working for a private contracting company, have smacked life into it.

First it was to be the GHQ for Southern Province, and a handful of men came up into the bush and started work. They had to keep fires lighted round their tents at night to keep the lions away. The noise of the bulldozers drowned the trumpeting of elephants doing their own spot of bulldozing within half a mile of the camp.

So plan was changed

Plans were elaborate. The town was going to make groundnut history. Then, when the men were well on with the job of raising a town in the jungle, someone discovered that the soil was no good for growing groundnuts, so the GHQ was moved 32 miles South to Nachingwea.

The men felt fed-up about that and the Board of the Overseas Food Corporation, for years in London, came in for some hearty abuse.

Followed a period of what these groundnut men call "chasing a bouncing ball." No one would decide what was to become of Noli. Finally word penetrated through the mass of paper matter on the subject that Noli was to be brought back to life and made into the groundnut scheme's main timber-producing area—and that is what Noli is today.

Within 12 months, in spite of the time just chasing that bouncing ball, the men of Noli have set up one of the most up-to-date sawmills in East Africa, and now they're cutting, sawing, and delivering timber for all building requirements in the Southern Province, from prefabricated houses to schools, offices and furniture.

The men who set out to build a town on this spot are actually building a town 32 miles away. But even now, this indefatigable high places that seems to haunt

this gigantic groundnut scheme strikes back at Noli.

First target was five prefabricated houses per day (apart from furniture and odd job timber work). Then, because of hurried economies, the target was reduced to five per week.

Now that it has been decided to stake all on Southern Province as the last hope of the groundnut scheme, the planners want, five and more prefabs per day for rapidly growing Nachingwea.

"We'll reach any target," one of the leaders of men of Noli told me, "just so long as we are allowed to get on with the job and do not have to knock off and chase that bouncing ball."

The prefabs these men are making from trees on the spot would be welcomed in house-hungry Britain. The total cost until the house is erected, 32 miles away, is three weeks.

Noli is a private enterprise town. The men work for a private company, not for the Overseas Food Corporation. Yet they are groundnut men at heart. They want to see this scheme go and you can't help gaining the impression that if the whole scheme had been left to private enterprise, it was Noli, there would have been less bunnings, squabbling, and waste of money.

No spares

The workshops are the best in Mr. Strachey's groundnut kingdom. There is the same complaint, though that runs throughout Nutland—"No spares, no spares."

If one of the British-type lamps that are in large numbers breaks a spring, it may be out of action for weeks.

In the yard of the main joinery is a great pile of prefab timber, and a notice which reads "School." That will be Nachingwea's first school when someone signs a contract authorizing it to be erected away. That might be later tomorrow or next week. Anyhow, the men of Noli have done their part.



Down in Vietnam everything is apparently Ho-Ho.

And in Saigon things are going with a bang.

"U.S. joint chiefs of staff mum on arrival home." That's how my old mother always was too; right there waiting when my train rolled in.

Cananda's External Minister says that at one point on his world tour he mistook a chap at the airport for one of the welcoming party, tried to shake hands with him, and was promptly sprayed with disinfectant.

Myrtle's grandfather, says married men will understand the statesman's feelings. You know: you burst into the house with a "Darling!" on your lips and are dinged with the rolling pin.

A Traffic Department friend of mine says there's no arrest for the warty.

And a local solicitor remarks that silence is often guilt instead of golden.

"Parties in UK begin wide search for horse-drawn cabs." Myrtle says now she realises why they've been shouting themselves hoarse.

Sincerest form. Our contemporary's use of a "China Mail" story reprint as a "Sunday Herald" feature inside, shows that it is not only the general public which admires the quality of our work in Windsor House.

Blake in Chicago inherits four dancing girls. These Americans have all the luck.

"Bilton to Dig in Sind for History Gap." This is what is known as building Sind castles in the sky.

Hollywood has now discovered the "sexiest hair." As far as filmland is concerned, I'm a fatalist about fatalists.

A blurb on the advantages of drinking a certain brand of imported milk ends with the advice: "See your doctor regularly." After every glass, maybe?

Yes, indeed. "There will be a short service of prayer, after which the choir will sing appropriate hymns. There will not be a sermon." Let us thank God for our blessings!



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CHURCHILL'S PLAN IS REJECTED BY U.M.W

Labour party opens campaign's "Big Week" CHURCHILL A DICTATOR

London, February 12.

Among the first Labour leaders to react vigorously to Winston Churchill's blueprint was Sir William Lawther, President of the National Union of Mine Workers, in an address tonight at Loughborough. Sir William said: "We judge the Tories by their performances and not by their promises. Never again will sensible men and women trust such false friends."

Victor Feather, Assistant Secretary of the British Trade Union Congress, in an address at Wolverhampton, accused the Conservatives of historic opposition to Labour Union aspirations.

"Trade Unionists had to spend millions of Pounds to get a shorter week," he said. "Workers had a long and bitter struggle against Tory employers assisted by Tory governments."

Vietminh to fight any aggressor

Bangkok, February 12.

Nguyen Duc Quy, Vietminh representative in Bangkok, at a Press conference today claimed that Vietminh troops would battle any invading troops, including the Chinese Reds, if they threatened to infringe on Vietminh independence. He refused to be pinned down on the question of whether he would battle the Chinese Reds under any conditions.

Mr. Quy said he did not know if the Vietminh was a Communist, but admitted that four members of the Vietminh government belonged to the Marxist study group which was made up of former Red Party members. These were the commander-in-chief and Defence Minister, General M. Vo Nguyen Giap, the vice-minister of Education, Nguyen Khanh Toan, the Labour Minister, Nguyen Van Tso, and the Finance Minister, Le Van Hien.

Answering a question, he said Vietminh would consider negotiations with the French only if Vietminh is given full recognition and all French troops are withdrawn. "Only then could Vietminh consider the question of remaining outside of or joining the French Union."

He said, if as reported, the Vietnamese Premier, Nguyen Phan Long, was intending to go to Hanoi to attempt to contact Ho Chi-minh's Foreign Minister with a view to negotiations, he would be disappointed because "there can be no agreement between the invaders and defenders of the country."

Mediation attempt

Mr. Quy said any question of Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, acting as a United Nations mediator between Vietnam and Vietminh would have to be referred to Ho Chi-minh.

He denied that the recent recognition of Ho Chi-minh by Moscow and Red satellites implied that Vietminh would become a Russian satellite too. He said the fact that Vietminh had been battling the French for freedom for more than four years was sufficient indication that "we will be satellites to nobody and are only seeking our own independence."

Asked if Vietminh would welcome volunteers from Red China in its fight against the French, he said: "No. We do not want any foreign troops. We have plenty of our own."

He then predicted all-out, full-scale war against the French soon and said this would not be guerrilla warfare but a head-on clash.

The Vietminh spokesman at the conference said this all-out attack would start within a few months, beginning in the North.

The first moves, he added, would probably be against Cao-bang, Langson and Moncy along the Tonkin-Chinese border, then against the larger Tonkin cities, Hanoi and Haiphong. He said he was confident Hanoi would be in the complete control of Vietminh by the end of the year.

Referring to recent Vietminh statements that an entire contingent of Chinese Nationalist troops was wiped out near Cao-bang, Mr. Quy said these had been "coming to aid beleaguered French troops and were fighting alongside the French—they were heavily armed." He claimed the Vietminh forces killed, captured or wounded 4,000 Nationalists "of reaction-

He added, "It was the Tories who sought to weaken the Trade Unions at every opportunity. They do not want people to feel secure. They want them to be in a state of fear—fear of loss of their jobs, of getting into debt, of getting old, of becoming ill."

Speaking at Blyth, Northumberland, Alfred Robens, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Fuel and Power, assailed Mr. Churchill's recent tentative suggestions that petrol supplies might be increased or rationing abolished.

"More dollars spent on petrol means less for other things. Where is the cut to be made?" he asked. "In wheat, timber, non-ferrous metals and the essential raw materials now being bought from the American continent?"

Speaking at Widnes, Lancashire, Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary of the Labour Party, referred to Mr. Churchill as a garrulous old gentleman.

Demand recalled

He recalled a demand by Mr. Churchill some months ago for an election early this year and chided him for contending now that the Labour Party had decided on an early election because it was afraid of drawing up a new budget which voters might disapprove.

The Minister of Fuel, Hugh Gaskell, of Hemsley, Yorkshire, emphasised the Labour Party's policy of maintaining employment and said unemployment figures are now 300,000 compared with 1,300,000 four years after the first war.

"Unemployment in Germany and Italy, both nations receiving Marshall Aid, is five and six times higher than it is in Britain," he said. Abolition of controls, he insisted, accounts for the rise of unemployment in Italy and Germany.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, speaking at Bristol, stoutly defended the Labour government's policy of bulk buying of food and raw materials. He dismissed as a vote-catching stunt statements that abolition of bulk buying would lower food prices.

The fact is, Sir Stafford asserted, that some free economy countries of Europe want Britain to abolish bulk buying because they hope to get high prices from private buyers. Commonwealth lands, he said, would strongly object to the abandoning of bulk purchasing contracts.

"A dictator"

Meanwhile, the deputy Prime Minister, Herbert Morrison, opened the big week of the British election campaign today by calling Winston Churchill a dictator.

Speaking for Labour at Exeter, Mr. Morrison charged Mr. Churchill with trying to force the Liberals to withdraw in favour of the Tories.

"The trouble with the Conservative leader, whether as a candidate, broadcaster or in the House of Commons, is that he will go on as if he were still Prime Minister," said Mr. Morrison.

He also accused the Tories of bowing to Lord Beaverbrook's strongly pro-empire publisher in the London "Daily Express," in flourishing Commonwealth and Empire with great vigour.

Continuing their no campaign on Sunday rule, the Conservatives were quiet today.

Mr. Morrison's speech came today, beginning what election observers say is the "big week" of the campaign. Campaigning will slope off in the final days before balloting on February 23.—Associated Press and United Press.

any Kuomintang Army remnants which the colonials wanted to use to relieve their beleaguered troops."

He added that 400 French troops were captured in the same action, which he said took place near the Chinese border between January 14 and 19.—United Press.

English coast gale abates

London, February 12.

The gale which has lashed the English Coast in the last few days abated in the river Mersey Area today, allowing vessels which had been delayed to enter dock.

The Cunard liner, Parthia, docked from New York a day later. The River Severn, in South West England, was still in flood. At Worcester the river was more than nine feet above normal after a six-foot rise in 48 hours. There were no floods yet in Worcester itself but the river was still rising.

Many roads in Northern England and Scotland were snow-covered and ice-bound.—Reuter.

ROAD TO BERLIN CLOSED

Berlin, February 12.

Russia's "little blockade" of Berlin was clamped on again tonight after almost 24 hours of normal truck traffic through the check point at Helmstedt, 110 miles West of here.

German police on the British side of the Soviet-Western border said at 1900 GMT that 25 trucks were backlogged. The police said the Russians had permitted only four trucks to pass through the checkpoint on the road to Berlin during the past hour.

During the day light truck traffic on the Autobahn from Helmstedt to Berlin was passed quickly by Russian guards and there was no evidence of the "baby blockade." However, Western officials and cautioned against anticipating a change in the recent Soviet slowdown policy.

Meanwhile, an East German government official threatened that the Communist "National Front" would support a mass meeting of 500,000 youths in Berlin on May 23-30. Alfred Wunderlich, deputy Minister of Industry, said: "The entire National Front of Berlin will attend with them and will cheer them during their peace demonstration and will, if necessary, protect them."—United Press.

Malayan civilians mobilised

Singapore, February 12.

Tens of thousands of Malayan civilians were being mobilised today for an intended knock-out blow to Chinese Communist bands.

Officials said more than 100,000 citizens will take the offensive in "anti-bandit month" against the handful of jungle bands who for more than a year and a half have plagued the country with terrorist tactics. Just when they will go into action is known only to British High Commissioner, Sir Henry Gurney.

The purpose of the operation is to make Malaya's plantations, towns, villages and jungle paths safe from Southeast Asian Communism.

Already the campaign seems to have been largely effective in halting the ordinary man-to-man, house-to-house, and village-to-village fighting which has kept Malaya in tension for 18 months.—Associated Press.

Republicans likely to drop China intervention issue

Washington, February 12.

Republicans who spent the first weeks of the Congressional session denouncing President Truman's hands off China policy are believed to be about ready to drop the issue.

The reasons are: 1. The new Republican statement of "principles and objectives" carried not a line on China in its foreign policy plank.

2. Republican Senators let \$10,500,000 on the Korean aid bill for the Chinese Nationalists on Taiwan slide through last week without a single word of debate.

Senator H. Alexander Smith, one of the leading Republican spokesmen for all-out United States efforts to keep the Communists out of Taiwan, told a reporter that he had decided to drop the issue. He said the Republican foreign policy plank did not mention the issue, and he believed the Republican Democrats for lack of a China policy.

But this version was not adopted. Senator William Knowland explained that mention of the China issue in the policy statement probably would have necessitated dealing specifically with many other geographical questions as well.

Instead, the Republicans reaffirmed their faith in the so-called bipartisan foreign policy but called for full consultation in its initiation and development. Senator Arthur Vandenberg, chief architect of the bipartisan approach, played the leading role in drafting the foreign policy plank. It is reported that he urged his colleagues to go slow on any statement on China that might be construed as a bid for United States intervention in the Chinese civil war.

Although this view prevailed, reference to the tragic consequences of the secret agreements made at Yalta and Potsdam was added at the last minute and only after Senator Vandenberg had gone over the document.

Draws criticism

It was this reference which drew criticism from some Republicans on the grounds that it was looking backward not forward. Paradoxically, Democratic leaders at the moment at least are pushing for reassessment of the United States Far Eastern policy.

Chairman Tom Connally of the Foreign Relations Committee said the Joint Chiefs of Staff will shortly be called before this committee to report on their just-completed Pacific survey trip. The Chiefs, led by their chairman, General Omar Bradley, reported to President Truman on Saturday and planned a Press conference for Monday.

General Bradley told Connally's committee before departing for the Pacific that Taiwan, in unfriendly hands, would have unfavourable strategic consequences for the United States. But he also said the Joint Chiefs favoured no military intervention there.

Anglo-U.S. naval exercises

Manila, February 13.

The first post-war United States-British naval manoeuvres in Philippine waters will start the week of March 3, the Collector of Customs at Manila Port said he had been informed.

There was no immediate comment from U.S. or British official sources, although it is known the carrier Boxer and units of the American Western Pacific Fleet are to be in this area at that time.

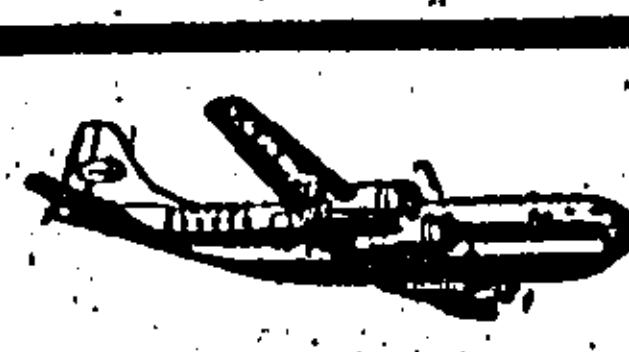
The report aroused interest locally because of the possibility that the Chinese Communists may attempt to invade Taiwan about that time.

The Customs Collector said arrangements had been made to extend the courtesies of the port to the British Far Eastern Fleet commanded by Admiral Sir Patrick Brind, who will fly his flag on the dispatch vessel HMS Alert.

Other British ships listed as intending to pay a call at Manila, either before or after the joint exercises, are the aircraft carrier, HMS Triumph; HMS Kenya, HMS Jamaica; HMS Cossack; HMS Comus; HMS Cockade; HMS Conquest; HMS Constance; destroyers, the frigates Cardigan Bay, White-sand Bay and the supply ships Port Charlotte and Green Ranger.

The U.S. maintains naval bases at Sangley Point, Manila Bay, and at Olongapo, on Subic Bay on the Western side of Batang Peninsula.

Recently Vice Admiral Russell Berkeley, commanding the U.S. Pacific Fleet, told the Associated Press the Boxer shortly will appear in the Philippines.—Associated Press.



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BRITAIN INTENSIFYING PRESSURE TO SETTLE STERLING LIABILITIES

Washington, February 12.

Recent economic developments in Britain may have intensified the pressure to seek a settlement of her vast internal sterling liabilities, an article in the official Foreign Commerce Weekly said today.

It pointed out that the solution to the sterling balances problem must take into account not only economic but equally complex social and political factors as well.

"Moreover, such a solution cannot be the result solely of British policy with respect to these balances, but must be negotiated with the other countries involved," the article said.

Reds leave churches alone

Alexandria, Virginia,

February 12.

A Methodist missionary who spent seven years in China said today that Christian churches are operating unmolested under the Communist regime.

Dr. J. Harry Haines said in a sermon at Trinity Methodist church that there are approximately 1,000 Protestant missionaries in China, including 100 sponsored by the Methodist Board of Missions.

In one area of China alone, at Fukien, South of Shanghai, eight new Methodist churches have been opened in the last six months, he noted.

Recent reports indicate that attendance is heavy at all Protestant churches throughout China. Dr. Haines added, observing that in recent weeks consent has been given for the arrival in Peking of additional missionaries.

He said that 13 colleges throughout China jointly sponsored by Protestant churches before and during the war are still open, and have large voluntary enrollments in religious training courses.

All hospitals operated by Protestant churches in the past 15 years are still functioning and treating thousands of patients monthly, he added.

Denouncing Communism as a force that would destroy the dignity and value of the individual, Dr. Haines declared, "the battle for Asia today is the struggle to control men's minds."

—Associated Press.

PI constabulary starts war against Moros

Manila, February 13.

The Philippine Constabulary has begun two drives against Moro dissidents in Lanao province, Mindanao, and at least three soldiers have been wounded in the opening encounters, according to Press reports from Dansalan, capital of Lanao.

The reports said one band of dissidents, led by Tangawan, were entrenched in Kapatran valley, while a second band under Datu Gradawali was at Maguing. One dissident was reported to have been killed.

The motive for the Lanao Moros' dissidence was not clear, but Moroland has been the scene of off and on Constabulary campaigns against outlaws. There were no new reports about the situation on Jolo, where the Constabulary has been attacking outlaws who are under the Moro Kamilon.

These difficulties do not necessarily mean that no adequate settlement of the sterling balances can be worked out, but they do point to why the problem of sterling balances must continue to influence the international trade and financial policy of the United Kingdom for some time to come.

Britain's external sterling liabilities were given as £3,223 million at June 30, 1949, compared with £3,700 million at the end of 1949, a reduction of nearly £500 million since 1949.

Marked shift

The article noted a marked shift in the distribution of the sterling balances among the different creditor nations since 1945. Accumulated balances held by Argentina and Brazil had been reduced through the sale of British-owned railways in those countries, while the sterling balances of Egypt, India, Pakistan and Ceylon had been reduced through periodic releases from the blocked balances.

At the same time, the sterling balances of some of the other sterling area countries, notably Australia and British West Africa, had continued to grow.

"One way of describing this trend is to say that there has been a transfer of some of the United Kingdom's liabilities from those creditor nations, which might be expected successfully to exert pressure for further releases, to those which can be expected to co-operate with the British efforts to keep these funds under control," the article said.—Reuter.

Everybody is busy and happy

Tokyo, February 13.

Peking Radio said today in a broadcast monitored here that teachers and students throughout China are now making full use of the winter holidays after a "busy school term."

Here is how some of them are keeping busy, the broadcast continued:

Scholars, writers and scientists are lecturing youngsters desirous of increasing their knowledge and acquiring a new revolutionary outlook on life.

University Professors are taking part in the "New Year" reforms, aided by the Democratic Youth League and members of the Student Federation.

Teachers in Peking, Arthur and Dairen are studying Soviet

Egypt firm on oil shipments

Cairo, February 12.

The Waftist organ Al Balagh, reporting what it called the official text of the Nahas-Pasha conversation in Cairo on January 29, said today that Nahas Pasha categorically refused to allow the passage of crude oil through the Suez Canal to Haifa either at present or in future.

The paper said Mr. Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, pointed out that Britain lost more than US\$50,000,000 monthly by buying oil which she could obtain cheaply through her Haifa refinery in Egypt.

It said Nahas Pasha replied: "It is impossible that I allow oil to pass through the Canal in order to be refined in any place under Jewish control. I will never let anything that could be of use to the Jews pass through Egyptian territory."

Al Balagh also said Nahas Pasha also refused to allow passage through the Canal of oil destined for European refineries, saying: "I have no way of knowing that the tankers would really go to Europe after passing through the Canal and not turning toward Haifa as soon as we lost control over them outside our territorial waters."

The paper said Nahas Pasha blamed the British for failing to expand Egyptian refineries or build new refineries in Egypt, in which case both Britain and Egypt would have benefited.

It said Mr. Bevin had asked: "Do I understand Your Excellency refuses to discuss matters in the future?"

Nahas Pasha reported: "I cannot agree to let crude oil pass through to Haifa either at present or in the future."

Al Balagh said that Nahas Pasha later reported the conversation to King Farouk, who expressed his approval.—United Press.

educational theory and teaching methods.

Students in Chungking and other "newly liberated cities" are taking part in the "city's taking-over work."

Other students are helping the government in social welfare work and pushing the sale of people's victory bonds.

The broadcast did not say how the students and educators were enjoying their winter holidays.—Associated Press.



A frogman swimming under water at the Amphibious School, Royal Marines, Fort Cumberland, Southsea, Hampshire, England, recently. These frogmen, used extensively during the war to damage enemy shipping, were recently used in the search for a boy believed to have drowned in a canal. Notice the rubber paddles on the feet, from which the frogmen derive their name.—Associated Press Photo.

Armament race is dangerous--Einstein

New York, February 12.

Professor Albert Einstein, speaking on a television programme today, said that the idea of achieving security through national armament was "at the present state of military technique, a dangerous illusion."

He added that "on the part of the United States this illusion has been particularly fostered by the fact that this country succeeded first in producing an atomic bomb."

Professor Einstein's remarks were recorded at his home at Princeton, New Jersey, for presentation today on the opening of a television series in which Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt is to be hostess to world leaders and famous dignitaries.

Today's series was entitled "Atomic Energy and the Hydrogen Bomb."

Professor Einstein said that the armaments race, between the United States and Soviet Russia, though originally supposed to be a preventive measure, had assumed a hysterical character.

"On both sides the means to mass destruction are perfected with feverish haste—behind their respective walls of secrecy," he said.

"The H-bomb appears on the public horizon as a probably attainable goal. Its accelerated development has been solemnly proclaimed by the President."

"Every step appears as the unavoidable consequence of the preceding one. In the end there becomes more and more clearly general annihilation."

"A solemn renunciation of violence is necessary," he added.

"Such renunciation can only be effective if, at the same time, a supra-national judicial and executive body is set up," Reuter.

De Gaulle prepares for elections

Paris, February 12.

General Charles de Gaulle, who headed France's first post-war Government, will put up candidates in all the 90 departments at the next General Election, usually reliable sources at the Gaullist Rally of the French People headquarters said today.

The General himself, winding up a three-day session of the movement's National Council, said that each candidate would have to be an established member of the movement.

They would go to the country on a platform whose main plank would be the restoration of French independence, a strong national defence, co-operation as an equal partner with the United States on the basis of the Atlantic Pact, and active French leadership in uniting Western Europe.

At the 1947 municipal elections and the 1948 Senate elections many Radical, Independent and Right-wing candidates got elected on a Party plus Gaullist ticket. They merely had to signify their agreement with the main aims of the Gaullist movement.

But General de Gaulle indicated that this will not be the case at the next Election which the National Council thinks is possible this year instead of at the end of the constitutional parliamentary term in October 1951.

Gaullist officials told Reuter that for the next Election there would be no joint tickets or "bigamous" alliances.

Only men and women who had joined the movement and proved the "sincerity" of their support would be accepted as Parliamentary candidates.

A Gaullist spokesman said that the movement throughout France was now felt to have taken sufficiently strong steps to "make it independent of half-hearted alliances."—Reuter.

Strikers to ignore orders

Washington, February 12.

U. S. coal miners who are on strike apparently intend to ignore the orders they have received from their leader John L. Lewis, to return to work on Monday, the Presidents of six United Mine Workers' (UMW) districts said today.

Lewis today telegraphed UMW officials to order the 37,000 miners to resume work in compliance with the U. S. order.

"Nothing short of a contract will make the miners produce coal again," they said.

Feblous rank and file supported this view.

A President Harry Truman direction, Federal District Judge Richmond Keach yesterday issued a 10-day temporary order for miners to resume work.

He also called a hearing February 20 to determine whether the directive should be continued for the full 90 days provided by the Taft-Hartley Act.

Judge Keach directed Lewis resume bargaining and to drop his four major demands in negotiations for a new contract.

American coal supplies estimated as sufficient to three weeks.

More than 35,000 workers industries dependent on coal have been laid off so far and number is expected to rise sharply unless the strike ends soon.

A UMW source said that Lewis has complied to the letter with the Government orders and cannot be held responsible if miners refuse to work.

The main contract demands an increase in wages from US\$14.05 a day to US\$15 and royalty of 35 cents per ton coal mined to finance pension and welfare benefits.—Associated Press.

Australian pound to be revalued?

New York, February 12.

The "New York Times" today that rumours were circulating in New York's foreign exchange markets that the Australian Pound would soon be valued to bring it to parity with the Pound Sterling.

The newspaper, in its financial section, said that because of the rumours the price of Australian Pounds for delivery next summer had risen to \$2.29, compared with the regular price of \$2 and one-quarter cent.

The "Times" reported that Australian banking interests in New York insisted that the revaluation reports were speculation.

Some dealers in British Sterling felt that the Pound would suffer a setback if the Labor Government was returned to power in the February 23 Election, the paper said.—Reuter.



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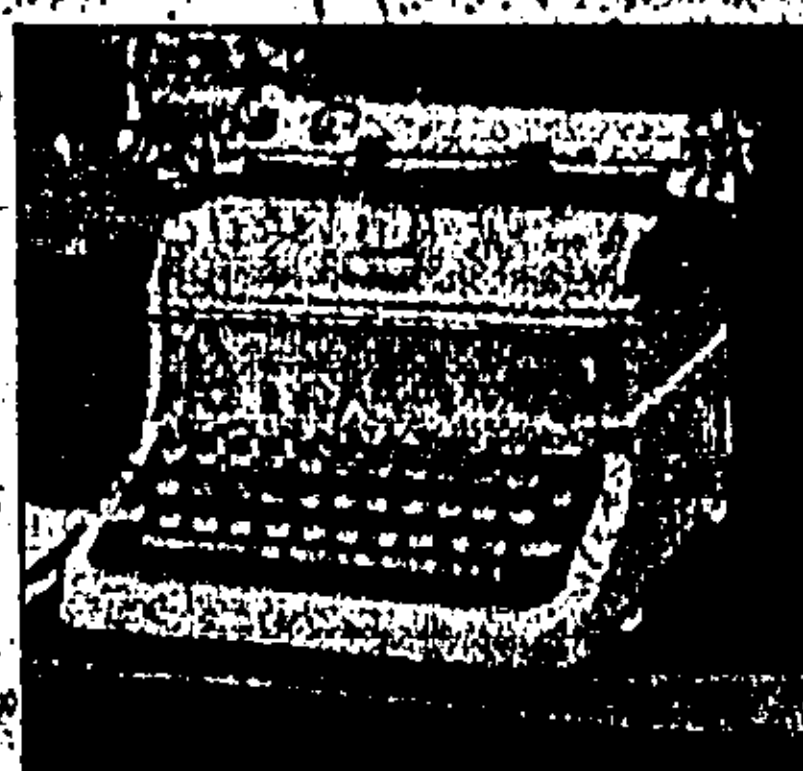
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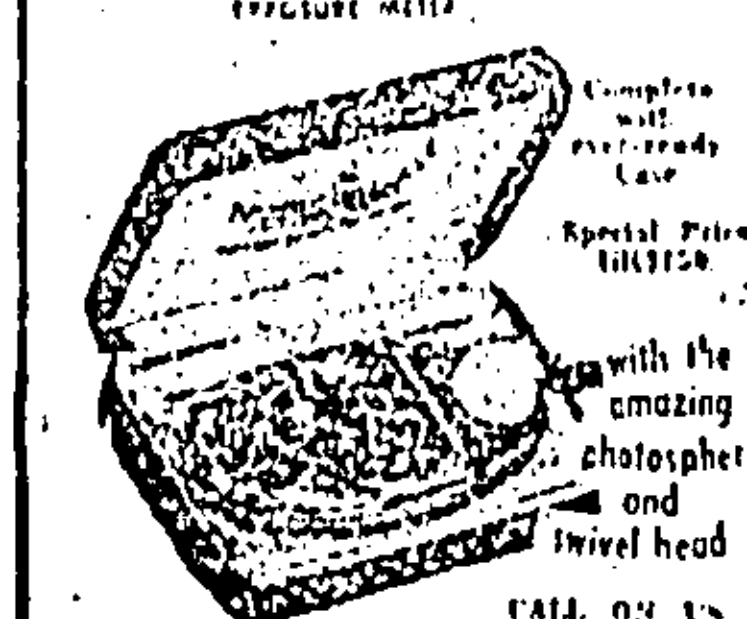
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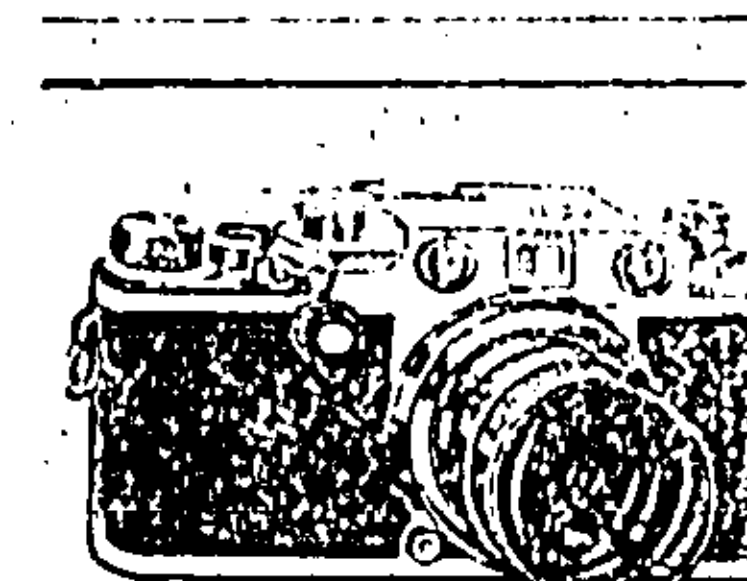
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Paris Reds hold peaceful rally

Paris, February 12.

Communists here today held a mass demonstration "for the defence of freedom". It was the calmest of its kind since the war.

The demonstration was on the anniversary of the mass disturbances in Paris in February, 1934, when the Government fell as a result of the Stavisky financial scandal and police fired on demonstrators, who included both Communists and Royalists, outside the National Assembly.

U.S. Navy planes missing

Corpus Christi, Texas, February 12.

The United States Navy announced today that a PBM-3 seaplane, with one person aboard, has been missing since yesterday afternoon.

The plane last reported from a position about 180 miles East South East of Corpus Christi.

Navy spokesmen said that the plane had about 14 hours of fuel when it left the naval air station here at 7 p.m. GMT yesterday.

Normally, it would have returned to its base at 3 a.m. GMT today.

Have and civilian aircraft crashed over the ocean off Newport beach today in an intensive search for a naval P-40 fighter plane that disappeared on a routine training flight, adds a United Press report from San Diego, California.

Officers of the 11th Naval District said the plane was piloted by Ensign Charles Emery Butler, 22, of Bangs, Wyoming, and disappeared yesterday on a training flight. The plane was carrying a fuel tank and a fuel pump.

Squadron members said the plane was last seen just before the group, flying in formation, entered a cloud bank. When the squadron came out of the clouds Butler's plane was missing. —Reuter and United Press.

REDS, POLICE IN TOULON CLASH

Toulon, February 12.

Communists and police came to grips here today when part of a protest led by the Communist-led General Union of Labour tried to pass along a narrow main street of Toulon.

One police sergeant was taken to hospital, 10 policemen and about 30 demonstrators were slightly injured.

The sergeant was later able to leave the hospital. —Reuter.

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ISRAEL APPEALS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO AID IMMIGRATION

London, February 12.

Mrs. Golda Myerson, Israel's Minister of Labour and Reconstruction, today appealed for contributions for the immigration and settlement of Jews at the opening of a campaign here by the Joint Palestine Appeal Conference for £2,000,000 towards the reconstruction of Israel.

Mrs. Myerson, who arrived here yesterday for a three-day visit to acquaint British Jews with the huge task of integrating into Israel the hundreds of thousands of new immigrants, addressed members of Britain's wealthiest Jewish families at a luxury hotel.

"I am afraid that Jews the world over do not realise what a great responsibility they have taken upon themselves when they helped to create this State," she said.

"Now they do not seem to know how to go forward. Nothing more tragic can happen to us than when we have become masters of the country we should consider a limit on immigration."

"We certainly did not want war and we do not want a new war, but it depends not on us but on our neighbours. Two million Jews in the country will convince our neighbours that it is not worth while fighting again. For the economic development and security of the country we must have unlimited immigration. There is not one single member of the Israeli Government who is going to close the gates to Jewish immigrants."

"Sir Simon Marks presided and expressed satisfaction in the improvement of relations between Britain and Israel. He was supported by the Israeli Ambassador, Dr. M. Eliahi, and the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Israel Brodie. —Reuter.

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WHAT WILL VANCE DO?

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By ALEX RAYMOND

OH, YES. I AM! I'LL CATCH ANOTHER RIDE RIGHT NOW!

IT'S SPIRIT BEAN! I'VE GOT A PLAN TO GET HIM!

YOU AIN'T GOIN' NOWHERE WITHOUT ME, SIS!

WHAT GOES ON HERE, MACE?

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By FRANK ROBBINS

DON'T CARE WHAT HAPPENING TO HAZARD! I'VE GOT THAT KID, THE PRINCE... IF ONLY GLOB HADN'T BOASTED ALL THE DETAILS OF THE GORY PLOT! HUH... WHY SHOULD I WORRY? ... NOT MY HEADACHE.

HIGH AND MIGHTY HAZARD! SURE HE'S GOING TO BE SURPRISED! LIKE TO SEE HIM CRAWL, AFTER CALLING ME ALL THOSE... ANNN! NO USE, VELVET, YOU'VE STILL GOT A CONSCIENCE!

MIGHT AS WELL TAKE THESE BAUBLES WITH ME... MIGHT COME IN HANDY, BUYING MY WAY OUT! 'SIDES, AFTER THIS NIGHT'S WORK, SOMETHING TELLS ME I WON'T BE COMING BACK TO THIS LAP OF LUXURY!

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Britain keen to buy dried eggs from U.S.

Washington, February 12.

Senator Elbert D. Thomas, Utah Democrat, says Britain is interested in buying some of the 73,000,000 pounds of dried eggs which the government has placed on the give away list.

The government announced on Thursday the eggs and 100,000,000 pounds of dried milk are to be given away for welfare purposes in this country only.

Senator Thomas made public a letter from Mr. William Foster, Acting Administrator of the Economic Co-operation, which said the United Kingdom had indicated a willingness to spend about \$3,000,000 for dried eggs but has been unable to reach an agreement with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, U.S. financing agency, on a price.

The total U.S. egg stock, Mr. Foster said, would represent about two years supply for Great Britain and Ireland. The British buying agency would take about 20,000,000 pounds.

Mr. Foster said the RFC had not been willing to consider "a bargain price" on less than the full stock. The RFC wants 40 cents a pound for the 20,000,000 pound lot, which Mr. Foster said would be only \$1,000,000 less than the price paid by Britain. He agreed to spend in the U.S. for perishables.

The eggs and milk, purchased during the past two years under the price support programme, cost the government \$115,000,000. —Associated Press.



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San Francisco, February 12.

Tornado lashes Texas

Dallas, Texas, February 13. At least seven persons were killed and scores injured in East, Central and North East Texas today as a series of light tornadoes roared through a dozen communities.

Worth, Tex., appeared to be the worst hit. Sixty miles South West of the city, four persons were killed and three injured. (The Texas Highway Patrol reported that 10 persons were dead in the Harrison County community of Gill, about nine miles South of Marshall, but Sheriff Barry Rosborough told the United Press that there was no dead at Gill. He said nine persons were injured, four of them seriously. He had just returned from a tour of the tornado-damaged area around Gill.)

In Shelby County, three persons were reported to have died at the Texas-Louisiana border town of Haslam. Today's outbreak of twisters was a continuation of tornadoes that started late yesterday on the Gulf Coast.

As the hours passed, the twisters moved northward, staying in the Eastern half of the state and over the most part close to the Louisiana border.—United Press.

ECONOMIC POLICY OF TURKEY

London, February 12. According to the Ankara Radio, in a report picked up here, M. Nedjmeddin Sadak, the Turkish Foreign Minister, on his return from Paris via Rome, declared to the Press that Turkey is greatly in favour of the freeing of imports, convertibility of currencies and multilateral trade exchange. But, since Turkey is much less advanced in industrial development than other countries, specialists would have to work out arrangements which would prevent Turkey from suffering any disadvantage because of this backwardness. M. Sadak said, Mr. Paul Hoffman, the ECA Administrator, understood well the difficulties of Turkey which has had to be in a state of mobilization for 10 years already and which has also had to spend half of her budget on defence items. M. Sadak added.—Reuter.

An Air Force B-25 pilot today reported sighting an unidentified submarine 25 miles West of Morro Bay off the Central California coast and the 12th Naval District immediately ordered search planes to scout the area.

A Navy spokesman said the sub had been spotted by 2nd/Lt. John Adams, who is attached to a B-25 operations group at Mather Field, California. Lieut. Adams notified the Coast Guard, who in turn informed the Navy of the presence of the craft.

The Navy spokesman said 12th District Headquarters had not been able to contact Lieutenant Adams to evaluate the report, but said four search planes from the Oakland naval air station had been ordered to scout the area.

The planes included one twin-engine P-40 Neptune and three torpedo bombers and were not armed, the Navy said.

The Navy declined to speculate on the nationality of the mysterious submarine, but added succinctly, "We know we do not have craft in that area."

The incident was the fourth report of an unidentified submarine off the California coast within the past two weeks. On Sunday, January 29, three different persons reported sighting a sub off the Northern California coast in the vicinity of Eureka. It was seen on three separate occasions on the same day by two commercial fishermen and a former RCAF pilot.

The flyer, Al Chisholm, described the submarine as being "similar to German designs of the last war." He said it was about 250 feet long, with a blunt nose, and carried a Schnorkel breathing

Gradual steps by S. Africa

Capetown, February 12. South Africa will act by gradual steps until the ideal of a free independent Republic is realized, Mr. J. G. Strydom, Minister of Lands, declared today. The only real form of independence suited to South Africa was a Republic, but, nothing would be done in undue haste, he told a Nationalist Party rally at Goodwood, near here.

The Union would not make the United States and Britain her enemies he said. Bonds of friendship would remain, provided they were not injurious to South African interests.—Reuter.

CANTONESE BY RADIO

BY S.K. LEE

Lesson 21

Vocabulary:	Ceremony. Rites. Propriety.
114. (1al) (2)1al	Politeness.
115. (paal) baayee(3)	To worship.
116. (sin) seen(1)	Before. Ahead. First.
117. (tal) (3)dal	Order. Number.
Combinations:	
1. (2)Yau. (2)lal	To be polite.
2. (2)Yau. (2)lal	To be impolite.
3. (2)Yau. (2)lal	One week.
4. (2)Yau. (2)lal	Sunday.
5. (2)Yau. (2)lal	Monday.
6. (2)Yau. (2)lal	Tuesday.
7. (2)Yau. (2)lal	Saturday.
8. (2)Yau. (2)lal	What day (of the week)?
9. (2)Yau. (2)lal	You go first.
10. (2)Yau. (2)lal	At first.
11. (3)Dal yut(1)	First.
12. (3)Dal (3)yeec	Second. Next. Another. Other.
13. (3)Dal (3)yeec	Other people.
14. (3)Dal (3)yeec	Elsewhere.
General Expressions:	
30. Nee(1)-gaw(3) (2)lal	This week.
31. Nee(1)-gaw(3) (2)lal	Last week.
32. (3)Dal (3)yeec-gaw(3) (2)lal	Next week.
Examples:	
1. Been(1)-gaw(3) (2)lal	Which Sunday?
2. Nee(1)-gaw(3) (2)lal	This Sunday. Next Sunday.
3. Seen(1)-gaw(3) (2)lal	Last Sunday.
4. (3)Dal (3)yeec-gaw(3) (2)lal	Next Sunday week.
Conversation:	
1. A. Gum(1) - (3)Yut (3)hal	What day of the week is today?
2. B. Gum(1) - (3)Yut (3)hal	To-day is Tuesday.
3. A. (2)Yau. (2)lal-baayee(3)	Will you be at home on Sunday?
4. B. Been(1)-gaw(3) (2)lal	Which Sunday?
5. A. Nee(1)-gaw(3) (2)lal	Next Sunday. This Sunday.
6. B. (2)Yau. (2)lal-baayee(3)	I shall go elsewhere, and shall not be at home.
7. A. (3)Dal (3)yeec - (3)Yut	What about next Sunday week?
8. B. (2)Yau. (2)lal-baayee(3)	I don't know yet.
9. A. (2)Yau. (2)lal-baayee(3)	Will it be all right if I come to visit you?
10. B. (2)Yau. (2)lal-baayee(3)	I'll tell you to-morrow.

Scientists leave Antarctic

Stonington Island, Antarctica, February 12.

Six scientists marooned on this island for two years today evacuated their lonely ice-bound Antarctic home and boarded the British rescue ship John Biscoe which had crashed through an ice-field to reach them.

With them was Major K.S. Pierce Butler, who planned the air flights which rescued five other scientists a few days ago. These five scientists had been on Stonington for about three years. The rescue of the 11 men had been planned with the precision of a military operation and carried out in conditions which varied from bright sun to screaming blizzards. Every possible effort was made to ensure that it did not fail as other rescue bids had done.

The six rescued today were headed by Dr. V.E. Fuchs of Cambridge. Before he left Trepassy House, Base "E", which had been the scientists' solitary polar home for so long, Dr. Fuchs glanced round in the murky light to see that everything had been put in order by the scientists.

Each brushed and a dust-pan were hanging at the entrance door. After his inspection Dr. Fuchs stepped out briskly, clicked the Yale lock behind him, strengthened it with copper wire—and walked to a nearby improvised wooden jetty from which a launch took him to the Biscoe—and new faces.—Reuter.

Rediffusion

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7.30—Musical Lockers.	
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8.15—Salon Concert Players.	
8.30—Morning Music.	
8.45—Music To The Band.	
9.00—Music For All.	
10.00—The Four Knights.	
11.15—Waltz Time.	
11.30—Parade of Rhythms.	
12.00—H.K. Stock Exchange.	
12.15—Tune Time.	
12.30—Light Music.	
1.00—Songs.	
1.15—News.	
1.30—From The Shows.	
1.45—Variety Calls The Tune.	
2.00—Novaltime.	
2.15—Tropiana.	
2.30—Vocally Yours.	
2.45—Music Makers.	
3.00—Children's Corner.	
3.15—Movie Time.	
3.30—Radio Headlines.	
3.45—"Patented Valentine's Day"	
4.00—Radio Lin Sing.	
4.15—Concert Favourites.	
4.30—Listen to Lullaby.	
4.45—"Hing Sing"	
5.00—Sammy Kaye and His Orchestra.	
5.15—Rediffusion Request Show.	
5.30—B.B.C. News.	
5.45—Local News.	
6.00—Listen to Lullaby.	
6.15—"Free For All"	
6.30—Anne Ziegler & Webster Booth.	
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7.00—Flamingo.	
7.15—Stardust.	
7.30—Close Down.	

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M.K.T.	
12.15—Religious Talk. (Studio)	
12.30—Hong Kong Calling—Programme Summary.	
12.45—Billy Mayerl (Piano) and His Orchestra.	
1.00—London Studio Melodics—The Melodics Orchestra (HUGTS)	
1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements.	
1.30—Interlude.	
1.45—Orchestra of the Week—Ryton Symphony Orchestra Conducted by Berke Koussavsky.	
2.00—Close Down.	
2.15—Hong Kong Calling—Programme Summary.	
2.30—"It's Swing Time."	
2.45—"Cantonese by Radio"—Given by Miss Lee Wai Lan and Mr. S. K. Lee. (Studio)	
3.00—Orchestra Manolo Bel et Ses Musiciens.	
3.15—World News and News Analysis. (London Relay)	
3.30—"Letter from America"—By Allister Cooke (London Relay Recorded)	
3.45—"Stage and Screen Favourites" (Studio)	
4.00—"From the Editorials." (London Relay)	
4.15—"The 200"—Albert Gillette at the Hammond Organ.	
4.30—Election Talk—Miss Margaret Herbyson, M.P. speaks on behalf of the Labour Party. (Relay London Recorded)	
4.45—"Forum of the Air"—Guest: W.V. Pennell. The distinguished journalist and writer on Eastern Affairs. (London Relay)	
5.00—Orchestra Interlude—New Concert Orchestra.	
5.15—Studio Recital by Irene Yuen. (Piano)	
5.30—Radio News Reel. (London Relay)	
5.45—"Time for Music"—BBC Midland Light Orchestra. (HUGTS)	
6.00—Dance to Bob Crosby and His Orchestra. Bing Crosby and the Andrews Sisters (Guest Artists).	
6.15—Weather Report, World News and Home News from Britain. (London Relay Recorded)	
6.30—Close Down.	

NO JAP TRADE REPRESENTATIVE IN HONG KONG

Reports circulating in the Colony that Japanese trade representatives had arrived here to promote trade between Hong Kong and Japan were officially denied yesterday.

It was officially stated that Government is unaware of any Japanese trade representatives having arrived in the Colony.

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Horse Head (small)	1.28
Conger Pike	2.00
Red Sea Bream (large)	1.57
(small)	1.40
Hair Tail	.95
Bund's prices were—	
Mod Grouper	\$2.55
Ginger Fish	1.92
Sea Trench	2.50
Golden Thread	1.35
Horse Head (small)	1.21
Conger Pike	1.70
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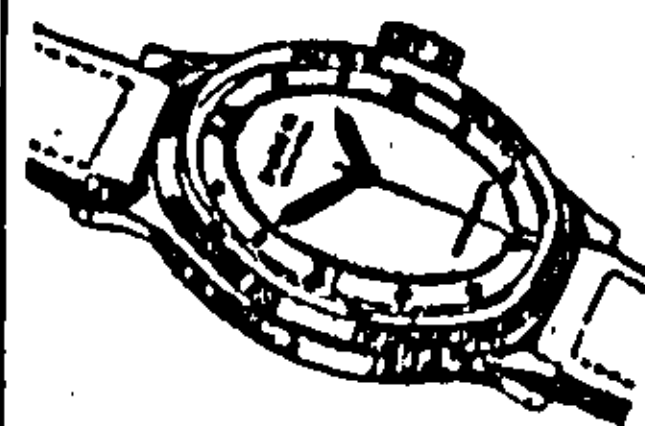
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Sports Pause



MAJOR UPSET IN COLONY BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

(By "ARGONAUT")

Hunt Club has good run over NT

There was a good turn-out of enthusiastic riders and spectators at last Sunday's meet of the Hong Kong Hunt at Mal Pas from where Willie Grievie had laid a fine over a stretch of new promised land.

Of old note was the absence of the Officers and Troopers of the 4th Queen's Own Hussars who have left for other duties. We shall miss them, and their shining example in the Hunting Field, and we wish them one and all good luck.

On the other hand we were very pleased to see Lieutenant Colonel R. Symonds and his team. They were picked up by the 4th Queen's Own Hussars. We were also glad to welcome a new keen rider in Miss Hunter, a well-known performer over the Shanghai country, and there was no mistaking her ability to take our country as it comes.

The match, Mr. Hunter, laid the riders on the line near Mal Pas village and they made good going over a series of muddy fields to the grass slopes of Pine Tree Hill and onto the foothills of the Snowdon Range where the hunt began the trail through Tam Mi Gap. Swimming back to paper they galloped on to check near Shek Wo Wai village.

Reckless progress was slow negotiating muddy fields, but the field was soon on the go again and skirting the Kowloon, Camp to the accompaniment of wild Border-chiefs' and along the South Downs. Here a miniature ravine checked one or two of the leaders, but "Huffy" on that black beauty The Chief was not slow to show them the way. A check was called to refresh the riders and count numbers, after two of the field were seen to have taken a rest.

All complete and the field were off again up Hadden Hill and through Saddle Pass to enjoy some excellent golfing. The horses seemed to know they were heading homewards as they were all going in great trim, and it was a joy to note the steady improvement in their hunting performance. Crossing the river to the Marine Compound and riders blazed the trail along the paddy and air strip pastures to finish on Kam Tin village green where spectators and refreshment awaited. Major Aldous on James Pig led the way in followed closely by Major Richards and Mr. Terry. Among the other riders were Lieutenant Colonel Symonds, Captain Jones, Captain Martin, Major Williams, Lieutenant Benson, Miss Hanke, Mrs. Cynford, Mr. Grievie, Mr. Maliland.

Interport hockey trial

A hockey trial to choose the team to represent the Colony in the forthcoming Interport with Mexico was held at Tsuenkoo yesterday.

The players who took part in the trials were: Souza and Hollins (goalkeepers), Trace, Gonzalez, Webb and New (full backs), Skipworth, Fitzgibbon, Bhagat Singh, Mathewson, Reed, Bhatnagar Singh, and Hui (half-backs), Gosno, Rull, Fowler, Alves, Xavier, Humphreys, Daniels, Gardner, Mackenzie and Dillon (forwards).

There were various switches in the positions during the first and second half of the game.

Mackenzie scored for the Whites in the first half while Fowler and Rull scored for the Blues in the second.

COMBINED SERVICES XI

The following have been selected to represent the Combined Services versus the Rest of the Colony at Chater Road on February 18 and 19 (Play 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day).

Wing Commander A.D. Pantin (RAF, "Cin"), Major K.H.S. Wilson (H.Q. 40 Div.), Lt. D.A. Oakley, RM C.O., Lt. T. Grant, RN, Lt. R. Morgan, RN, Captain R.C. Corfield, RA, Flight Lieutenant K.C.A. Ball, RAF, Lt. W.M. Mitchell, ROF, Flying Officer E.N. Gumbrell, ROF and Pilot, 11. G.H. Cunningham, TAF.

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The first major upset of the Colony Badminton Open Championships occurred at Victoria Recreation Club court in the course of last night's matches.

In a rousing game that went the full distance of three sets, University's S. F. Lam and S. K. Cheong eliminated Chinese YMCA's seeded pair of W. C. Chung and M. K. Fung in the first round of the Junior Doubles Championship.

The youthful undergraduates fully deserved their win, although a hand must be given to the Y pair for putting up gallant resistance, especially in the second set.

A special feature of the game was the classical style in which the two University boys, especially S. F. Lam, received their opponents' smashes with rackets well above the shoulders—a style in Doubles play which budding Freemen may well copy to advantage.

The game started evenly in the first set until the score mounted to 5-5. Then the whirlwind speed and hurricane smashes of the winners broke through the stout defence of the losers. They gradually brought up the score to 12-5, and looked as if they would run away with the set. The Y pair, however, then began to settle down and with one service commenced piling up point after point, until they ended it when they had brought their score to 11. Amidst increasing tension and excitement, Fung gave away two "wood" shots, let his opponents reach "set point." A smash by Lam ended the first set.

In the second set, Chung and Fung, regained some of their usual steadiness and accuracy. After allowing their opponents to score one point they jumped at once to a 9-1 lead. Through the set, Lam and Cheong in retaining their high services which were killed every time, they carried on their lead to 12-3 and finally to set.

Realising their mistakes, the "wood" was resorted to short services. In the third set, after a preliminary ding-dong tussle, when the score reached 2-2 they ran loose and scored nine points in a row, to lead by 11-2. The Y couple added another three points, and in spite of a spirited final stand during which the services changed hands seven times, they conceded the last point to their worthy winners.

Another upset
The Ladies' Singles between the two St. Teresa's ladies, Melville Sores and Gloria Silva, ended in a similar upset, though, in this case, Youthful Gloria exhibited inexhaustible stamina and a rare turn of speed on the court to oust the more experienced Melville in three sets, 2-11, 11-9 and 11-8. The first game was a series of ding-dong baseline duels, with Melville coming out as the harder hitter. In the second set, the effects began to tell on her, and Gloria who seemed to withstand the pace better, gradually forced ahead of her clubmate from 4-6 to 9-8.

Although Melville with a final burst, added three more points, she was unable to score the vital needed point with a well-placed net shot.

In the third set, Gloria effectively began mixing her lobs with well-executed drop shots, and soon went to a 6-0 lead. Melville, however, not to be outdone, threw all her resources into the game at this stage, and to loud cheers, caught her younger opponent up to 7-7 and then went on to take the lead of 8-7. Youth, however, triumphed and with her next service, Gloria added four more points to end an exciting and riveting game.

The Schoolboys' events last night brought to view a promising player in Wong Cheong-ye of Diocesan Boys' School. In his singles match against T. Tang of La Salle College, which he won in two straight sets, the young boy showed an attractive style and a wide repertoire of strokes. With constant practice and good coaching he should be one of the future stars of the Colony.

Tonight's games.
Tonight's programme of seven games will be run off at the Recreation Club starting at 7 p.m. Two Schoolboys' events will be followed by a Junior Men's Singles match between K. S. Thong of Chinese YMCA and H. J. Xavier of Recreation. This promises to be a close game with odds slightly in favour of the Chinese boy.

The next game, a Ladies' Doubles Match, sees the seeded pair of Miss M. Ribeiro and Mrs. M. Ribeiro, taking the court against their youthful clubmates, Miss Sores and Yoly Francis. Much

Sports personality

Veteran Badminton player still active

Badminton enthusiasts in the Colony owe a greater debt of gratitude to Marcus A. Oliveira than they realise.

One of the first, if not actually the first, to take up badminton in the Colony after the war, Oliveira has devoted most of his spare time to interest Hong Kong's men and women, young and old, in the intricacies and value of the game.

He set an example and by practising what he preached, became one of the outstanding exponents of the game in the Colony.

Youthful in appearance—he is a debonair today as when he was a champion—Oliveira has won three consecutive League titles in 1937, 1938 and 1939—Oliveira laughingly refuses to divulge his age.

Possibly it is because the standard of badminton which he plays today is still in the Championship class, and he does not wish to put his younger opponents of the game to shame.

During the first years of the Badminton Leagues, he captained the Club de Recreio teams in the Senior Men's Doubles and the Senior Mixed Doubles for four consecutive years.

Today, he still takes an active part in the Leagues, representing his Club in the Senior Men's Doubles and the Senior Mixed Doubles Leagues.

In addition to his playing, he has also assumed the duties of Honorary Treasurer of the Hong Kong Badminton Association.

Due to pressure of work this year, he has only entered in the Open Championships. His partner is Mrs. Gonçalves, nee Miss Mylthie Silva.

Fine record

Oliveira has set up a record in local badminton competition which is to be envied. Besides his league triumphs, he has been a finalist in the Men's Doubles Championships, 1936 partnered by J. J. Remedios.

With Miss M. Silva he reached the finals of the Mixed Doubles Championships in 1930, 1937, 1938 and 1939.

Each year they were within an ace of winning the title, but luck was never with them and they lost to players who began to play badminton at a very tender age in Malaya.

In the Singles Championships, Oliveira has never failed to reach the semi-final stages and, on several occasions, went as far as the finals, but because he came up against such great exponents of the game as Patrick Wong and P. K. Hui (Singapore) Champions in 1937 and 1938) in an Open Championship title has always eluded his grasp.

Because of this, Oliveira realised that to be really great at the game, one has to begin young. He has applied this theory to his teaching and has always advocated that schoolboys should be given the chance and coaching they deserve.

It may be noted here that it was mostly through his efforts that the Schoolboys Championships have been initiated into this year's Open Championships.

Local badminton circles will remember M. A. Oliveira's exhibition games with A. G. Meise, former Singles Champion of Shanghai, in 1938 and his representing the Colony in the only Badminton Interport against Bangkok in 1937, when Hong Kong won four games to two.

Great honour

However, the greatest possible honour was paid him when he was chosen to partner the Singapore Badminton Champion, On

COLONY SQUASH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following are the results of the Colony Squash Championship matches played at the Victoria Recreation Club yesterday:

H. McAllister beat W. McCutcheon 9-3, 7-0, 6-0, 9-7, 9-2.

Claydon beat Davidson 10-8, 9-2, 9-4.

Cooper beat Morrison 4-0, 9-2, 9-4, 9-1.

Hutton received a walk-over from Spence and Tait; also won by default from Tennison.



MARCUS A. OLIVEIRA

Poi-sin in an exhibition Double match with the Malayan Champions Ooi Tok-hock and Wong Peng-sen in 1948 when the Malayan visited the Colony.

The game was played at Club de Recreio and those who were privileged to see the game will remember the classic game which took place.

Oliveira and Ong led the Malayan Champions seven points to two and it was only after a prolonged struggle that the pair succumbed 15-12.

Ooi Tok-hock and Wong Peng-sen proved, during the All-England Championships and the All-England Club matches played last year, that they are in a class by themselves and this year Wong is being picked by experts as the likely winner of the All-England Championship title soon to be played.

This only goes to show that M. A. Oliveira is a great badminton player and that he only lost out in the Classification of Champion because he took up the game after his teens. Had he been given the chance which a Malayan boy is given to play badminton, no one knows to what heights in the badminton world he would have risen.

FLEET SAILING NOTES

The North East wind was still on strike last weekend, but the series races continued and on both days we just managed to complete one lap in each class. This time, as an experiment, the whalers were pooled for the benefit of ships whose boats may be below average in performance.

Saturday's breeze was light but confident at fifty feet, but very timid close to the water. It was also most variable in direction, and at one time the flags in the Eastern and Western anchorages were completely at odds.

The wisest boats manoeuvred under oars until the five minute gun to keep themselves somewhere near the starting line. When the little breeze arrived the race became a test of skill, trimmings, and alertness to every trick of wind was the secret of success.

The outstanding dinghy was Cockade, which was away first at the start and led home easily, only to be disqualified after a protest for bearing out her jib.

Two boats unlikely failed to receive the amended course. The remaining four finished very close together on a broad reach.

Alacety started a luffing match with Black Swan—a fatal moment to choose, for it gave second place to Jamaica 1 who made straight for the line. At the same instant, Morecombe Bay rashly tried to overtake by squeezing between two boats and was disqualified.

The whaler race was won easily by Jamaica 1. At one time she was nearly a mile ahead of the remainder, who were for several minutes, keeping perfect quarterline formation only a length apart. Three boats had still not finished by sunset. White-sand Bay was disqualified for trying to force an overlap at a mark.

Saturday's results:
Dinghies: 1st, Cockade (17. Tolfees) 800; 2nd, Jamaica 1 (A.B. Hitchens) 678; 3rd, Black Swan (P.O. Springall) 576; 4th, Morecombe Bay (Comdr. Mackenzie) 480; 5th, Jamaica 2 (A.B. Bon) 383; 6th, Cockade (P.O. Wright) 300.

Whalers: 1st, Alacety (P.O. James) 800; 2nd, Maine (B/M Rapa) 578; 3rd, Jamaica 3 (B.S. Brooks) 576; 4th, Jamaica 4 (Serg. Rowberry) 480; 5th, White-sand Bay (D.S.Q.) 383; 6th, Cockade (D.N.F.).

Winning crew was P. O. Williams, A.B. Atkins, P.S. Shaugh and Pearce.

Jamaica boxers score win over Middlesex Regiment

(By "RAMBLER")

The boxing tournament between HMS Jamaica and the Middlesex Regiment at the China Fleet Club last night resulted in a close win for the sailors by 16 points to 14 and by six bouts to four before a full house of servicemen.

Each fight consisted of three two-minute rounds and some game, skilful and hard hitting boxing was seen; the spectators were amply rewarded and some close fights were witnessed.

The sailors reeled off five victories in a row before Private Gatlund gave the soldiers a victory. This somewhat inspired the soldiers for they won the following two fights.

With the sailors leading by 13 points to 11, S. M. Warner put the match on ice for the sailors when he scored a very narrow win over Private Saunders, giving the sailors a lead of 15 points to 12 with one more fight left.

Showing a greater superiority over his opponent in the light-weight class A. B. Stewart out-pointed Cpl. Spicer. Stewart was hammering his opponent from the start and scored with repeated right hand punches. Spicer took a lot of punishment and was applauded for his game fight.

In the welter-weight bout it was very much impressed with the skilful display put up by E. M. Thomas when he out-pointed Private Rogers. Thomas was very aggressive from the beginning of the fight and Rogers was very game and took a great deal of punishment.

Thomas attacked his opponent with a barrage of blows and deserved his win.

In the middle-weight class, A. B. Harris gave the soldiers the third straight win of the evening when he had the better of the fight against Private Hutchings and in the feather-weight class A. B. Priest by some clever boxing was given the decision over Corporal Lloyd.

Best bout
The best fight of the evening was undoubtedly that between Stoker Crawford and Lance Corporal Noble in the light-weight class which the former won by a very narrow margin. I must congratulate them on their splendid performance. Crawford was a good winner and Noble a worthy loser.

Right from the start both boxers skilfully went for each other with telling blows. Crawford was a shade better than his opponent in the first round.

The second round saw Crawford scoring heavily against his opponent. Noble was in trouble but managed to keep going and attacked Crawford furiously. Both these boxers treated the spectators to some clever boxing. This round was even.

The start of the last round saw these two fighters hammering at each other. Noble kept chasing his opponent but the latter cleverly dodged him and in turn scored some telling blows. Crawford was given a close decision. Both these boxers were congratulated by the judge for their rousing exhibition.

In the heavy-weight contest, Private Jelly knocked out A.E. Chisholm in the last round of the fight. Jelly put in a lower put-up of gallant fight and took a lot of punishment.

Rousing fight
Another rousing fight was that between S.M. Warner and Private Saunders in the bantam-weight class. This fight was very closely contested and Saunders put up a gallant show. Warner was given the close verdict, no doubt due to his skilful display.

Private Harrison proved for good for Stoker Pratt in the welter-weight class and was a worthy winner.

The results
Boys Light-weight: Boy Cutts (Jamaica) lost to Boy Jackson (Morecombe Bay).

Boys Welter-weight: Boy Ebbels (Jamaica) lost to Boy Greenwood (Morecombe Bay).

Light-weight: Cpl. Spicer (Middlesex) lost to A.B. Stewart (Jamaica).

Welter-weight: Pte. Rogers (Middlesex) lost to E.M. Thomas (Jamaica).

Middle-weight: Pte. Hutchings (Middlesex) lost to A.B. Harris (Jamaica).

Feather-weight: Cpl. Lloyd (Middlesex) lost to A.B. Priest (Jamaica).

Light-weight: L/Cpl. Noble (Middlesex) lost to Stoker Crawford (Jamaica).

Middle-weight: Pte. Gatlund (Middlesex) beat A.B. Pinkett (Jamaica).

Light-heavy-weight: Cpl. Hitchens (Middlesex) beat L/Cpl. Reeve (Jamaica).

Heavy-weight: Pte. Jelly (Middlesex) K.O. A.B. Chisholm (Jamaica).

Bantam-weight: Pte. Saunders (Middlesex) lost to S.M. Warner (Jamaica).

Welter-weight: Pte. Harrison (Middlesex) beat Stoker Pratt (Jamaica).

FANLING GOLF

The result of the Stapleford Competition played on the Old Course at Fanling last week and resulted in a tie between Mr. W. H. Paterson (17) and Capt. W. D. Webb (18) who both required cards giving them a total of 88 points.

South Africa 115 for four in Test match

Johannesburg, February 13. South Africa were 115 for four in their first innings at lunch on the third day of the Fourth Test against Australia here. Australia made 485 in their first innings.

The South Africans tested the full fury of Australia's "shock" attack of Lindwall and Miller, and for 105 minutes today they batted laboriously for only 30 runs and lost four wickets.

Lindwall and Miller gave a superb exhibition of fast bowling, extracting life and lift from a lively pitch. The crowd voiced its disapproval when they sent down an occasional bumper.

After batting 107 minutes for 65, Eric J. Rowan was bowled middle-stump by a Lindwall in-coming. Two runs later, at 60, Neil was run out. At 60 Nourse was caught after scratching about 25 minutes for five singles and in the last over before lunch, Draper was also caught at the wicket. Lindwall's two wickets cost 11 runs today.

Scores: Australia—1st Innings 485 for 8 declared.
South Africa—1st Innings: E. Rowan, b Lindwall 25
J. Nel, run out 23
R. Draper, c Suggers, b H. Johnston 15
D. Nourse, c Suggers, b Lindwall 5
D. Begbie, not out 11
Extras 15
Total for four 115
Fall of wickets: 1/64, 2/60, 3/96 and 4/115.—Reuter.

Werket wins 1,500 metres skating event

Oslo, February 12. Johnny Werket, of the United States, today added the 1,500 metres title to the 500 metres he had won yesterday when the speed skating international events were continued here.

Werket won in 2 mins. 10.7 secs, the best recorded time in the world for the distance. This year Halmar Andersen, of Norway, was second in 2 mins. 20.5 secs., and Reidar Lisklev, of Norway, was placed third in 2 mins. 21-0 secs.

Skaters from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Holland and the United States are competing in the events. The Norwegian Champion, Halmar Andersen, won the competition with a total of 192.708 points. He won the 10,000 metres event today with Werket no nearer his mark. Andersen's time was 17 mins. 13.7 secs. Reidar Lisklev was placed second in 17 mins. 25.5 secs. and Sverre Haugli of Norway, came third in 17 mins. 34.7 secs.

The final "fall in" positions and points were:

1.—Andersen—192.708 points.
2.—Lisklev—197.098 points.
3.—O. Lundberg (Norway) 198.057 points.
4.—Ivar Martinson (Norway) 198.507 points.
5.—Ken Henry (United States) 198.567 points.
6.—Johnny Werket (United States) 198.627 points.
7.—Sverre Haugli (Norway) 198.655 points.
8.—Reidar Wahl (Norway) 198.822 points.—Reuter.

PI TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Manila, February 12. Pedro Maslo (Spain) and Mrs. H. Weiss (Argentina) carried off the singles titles today when the Philippines covered hard courts lawn tennis championships ended.

Mrs. Weiss had already been concerned with two other title victories—the mixed and the women's doubles, and today she beat Mrs. Molgore, of the Philippines, by 6-1 and 6-1.

The men's final, in which Maslo beat Felicísimo Ampon, the Philippines Champion, by 6-4, 6-2, 3-6, 6-1, lasted over three hours and every point was hotly contested.

During the second and third sets Maslo was seriously distracted by a protracted altercation with a partisan crowd, but Ampon retained his normal military equanimity, even in defeat.—Reuter.

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